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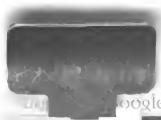
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# Biographical

## JUDGE JAMES JEFFERSON DICK.

Hon. James Jefferson Dick, formerly judge of the thirteenth judicial circuit, comprising the counties of Dodge, Waukesha, Washington and Ozaukee, and a resident of Beaver Dam, was born in Westfield, Chautauqua county, New York, September 8, 1836, and passed away in Beaver Dam, March 8, 1907. The founder of the family was James J. Dick, a native of Scotland, who came to this country at the age of eighteen years, settling in Vermont, where he was married and where James Dick, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born. Having learned a trade, the father settled in western New York, where he married Miss Mahala Rogers, a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent.

James J. Dick received his primary education in the common schools of Westfield, New York and this was followed by a full course in the Westfield Academy. In 1856 he came with his parents to Westfield, Marquette county, Wisconsin, and was successfully engaged in teaching for four years from 1856, spending his leisure time in reading law, gaining such a knowledge thereof that he was able to complete the course in the law school of Albany within one year, graduating in June, 1861. In August, following, he came to Beaver Dam, where he resided until his death, actively engaged in the practice of his profession. As a lawyer he was faithful to his clients, skilful in the management of his cases and his practice extended to almost every branch of the profession. For three years from January, 1861, he was the law partner of H. W. Lander, and after that he practiced alone. In 1896 he was elected judge of the thirteenth judicial circuit, and was subsequently twice reelected, discharging the duties of this honorable and responsible office ably and faithfully.

The office of judge is the only official position which Mr. Dick ever held, except that he was for more than two decades superintendent of schools of the city of Beaver Dam, and in that connection has been called the "father of the Beaver Dam public schools." His repeated reelection to the office of superintendent of schools of his home city, regardless of politics is abundant evidence of the ability and fidelity he evidenced in the discharge of his official duties and of his popularity among his fellow citizens.

At a citizens' meeting held August 30, 1884, which resulted in the founding of the old Beaver Dam Public Library, of which the present Williams Free Public Library is the successor, Judge Dick was elected a member of the board of directors, a position which he held continuously until his death, being the last surviving member of the original board. On June 8, 1885, when the Beaver Dam Public Library had been accepted by the city and was reorganized

under the laws of Wisconsin as the Free Public Library of the City of Beaver Dam, he was elected president of the board of directors and served most acceptably in that capacity during the remainder of his life—a period of twenty-two years. He was intensely interested in public education and fully realized the value of a well selected and properly conducted free public library, in the accomplishment of the great purpose which was with him a life work. To attain the success of this beneficent object of his ambition, he gave unsparingly of his time, his labor and his means; and the high rank this library now holds among similar institutions of the state and nation, is due in a large degree to his loyal, untiring and zealous efforts in its behalf.

On August 5, 1862, Judge Dick was married to Helen M. Drown of Beaver Dam, a native of Vermont, who proved to be a most worthy and congenial helpmate and who survives him. Mrs. Dick is a devout communicant of the Episcopal church. They had no children. Politically, Judge Dick was a democrat but he never aspired to or held any political office. He was a member of the Masonic order and the Odd Fellows and an attendant of the Episcopal church.

Judge Dick died at his home, 220 Park avenue, Beaver Dam, March 8, 1907. He had been taken ill several weeks before at the Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, after he had finished the January term of the Waukesha circuit court. His wife, who was spending the winter in Florida, was notified and came immediately to Milwaukee, and from there accompanied him to their home in Beaver Dam a few days before his death. After his arrival home, he gradually grew worse and passed away, literally dying in harness, as he had always wished to do. The funeral was held under the auspices of Dodge County Lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M., with an escort of Knights Templar, the honorary and active pallbearers being prominent representatives of the bench and bar of the circuit. The general attendance was very large and in respect of his memory the public schools were closed for the day and the business places while the funeral services were being held.

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#### EDWIN P. BROWN.

The children of today who are taught along lines of modern instruction in our schools and academies are being trained in citizenship which will influence their activities as business, commercial, and professional men of tomorrow. The men who as teachers direct their minds and influence their character have a heavy and responsible duty. In their hands rests to some extent the future quality of citizenship, and upon their conscientiousness and ability depends the future of the children. A man who is doing able work along progressively expanding lines in school development is Edwin P. Brown, who in his capacity as instructor in the Wayland Academy of Beaver Dam is promoting the love of learning among his pupils, and as principal of that institution is doing remarkable disciplinary work along lines of mental and moral culture.

Mr. Brown was born in Beaver Dam, November 18, 1869. He is a son of John P. and Laura (Putnam) Brown, the former a native of Williamsburg.

Brooklyn, New York, and the latter of Plainfield, New Jersey. Mr. Brown's parents were married in the east and came to Wisconsin in 1864, settling immediately in Beaver Dam. The father was a prominent builder in this city and one of its enterprising and representative men. He was a democrat in his political views and served as a member of the school board for many years. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was treasurer of that organization for twenty-five years. The mother was a devout and faithful member of the Baptist church, a woman of warm hospitality and optimistic disposition.

Edwin P. Brown was reared at home and received his primary education in the public schools of Beaver Dam. He attended high school in the same city and was graduated in 1887. He later attended Wayland Academy and completed the course in that institution, graduating in 1890. He afterward taught Latin and Greek in Gale College, Galesville, Wisconsin, spending two years in this occupation. From 1892 to 1894 he was enrolled as a student in Brown University. In 1894 he entered the University of Chicago and was graduated from that institution with the degree of A. B., in 1896, completing an efficient, broad, and thoroughly modern education. He acquired in his career as a student a liberal general culture which did not in any way affect his detailed knowledge along special lines. He has always been an intelligent and judicious leader and in this way has added to his splendid equipment. He served during his course at Brown University as principal of the evening school of Central Falls, Rhode Island. In this school three hundred and fifty children, chiefly workers in the J. and P. Coates Thread mills, were enrolled as students. At the conclusion of his college course he was for one year principal of the high school of Farmer City, Illinois, and for one year instructor in English at Morgan Park Academy of the University of Chicago. He is now one of the most prominent educators in Dodge county. His position as principal of the Wayland Academy of Beaver Dam, makes him an influential factor in school development. He began with this institution as instructor in English in 1897 and his position as principal dates from the year 1901. His efficient work has been recognized by a prominent place in the affairs of the Northern Central Association of College and Secondary Schools in which he has been an officer. His work along educational lines has been of the expanding and constructive sort which makes his activities valuable in affairs of this character in the state of Wisconsin.

On August 31, 1897, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Vaughan, whose birth occurred on November 7, 1870. She is a daughter of O. D. and Al Maria (Cass) Vaughan, and is one of a family of five children, the others being: John, who died in early childhood; Grace L., who resides in Riverside, California; High D., of Kelso, Washington; and Ray C., who maintains his residence in San Francisco, California. To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Brown have been born two children: Hartley Vaughan Brown, whose birth occurred on July 2, 1899, and Robert Vaughan Brown, born July 31, 1908, both of whom are attending school in Beaver Dam.

Mr. Brown is a stanch Baptist and served on the board in the Wisconsin State Convention of that church. In the Masonic order he belongs to Beaver Dam Chapter, No. 72, R. A. M. He is one of the broadly cultured and thoroughly scientific teachers in Dodge county today. The conditions of modern

living are growing more complex each year and education must be developed to meet the situation. No man has done more to raise the standard of instruction than has Edwin P. Brown, who makes his pupils ready followers of his teachings by the genial and genuine quality of his friendship.

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#### ROYAL F. CLARK.

One of the most promising young attorneys of Dodge and Columbia counties is Royal F. Clark, of Randolph, who has been practicing law in this city since 1904. In a few years he has made himself known in the courts of Dodge county as an able, logical and broadly-read lawyer and has gained a degree of success which is the outcome of merit. He was born in Adams county in 1881, a son of B. F. and Jennie (Keith) Clark. The father's birth occurred in New York in 1851 and when he was a young man he moved to Wisconsin, settling on a farm near Kilbourn, upon which he resides. His wife is a daughter of Josiah Keith, a native of Vermont, who emigrated to Wisconsin at an early date and located near Sun Prairie, afterward moving to New Haven, Adams county, where his death occurred at the age of eighty-nine. He is buried in the New Haven cemetery. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Clark settled on a farm in Adams county and upon this property they are residing at the present time. Royal F., is the next in order of birth. Four children were born to their union. Edith, born in 1879, married Bradford Richmond and they reside on a farm south of Columbus, Wisconsin. Ruth was born in 1884 and died in 1901, and is buried in a cemetery at New Haven, Wisconsin. Ruby, born in 1887, is filling the position of private secretary to Dean Harper, of the Conservatory of Music of Appleton University.

Royal F. Clark was educated in the Wisconsin public schools and is a graduate of the Portage high school. He studied law in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and immediately after being admitted to the bar entered the offices of H. E. Andrews and Judge Strand, in Portage. In 1904 he was admitted to the bar of the United States district court and on August 24 of the same year came to Randolph, where he has since been practicing with conspicuous success.

In June, 1907, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Bessie M. Gamble, a daughter of James Gamble, a former resident of Trenton, Wisconsin, who resides in Fox Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one son, Warren G., who was born in October, 1908.

Mr. Clark gives his allegiance to the republican party and although he never seeks public office, his legal attainments won him the position of district attorney of Columbia county. He served for two years, from 1906 to 1908, and did able and effective work as a public official. He is well known in the Masonic order, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery. Besides various other important interests, he is identified with the Beaver Canning Company of South Beaver Dam, of which he is president and a director. As a lawyer he is recognized as a strong and able practitioner, an expert in unravelling legal tangles and possesses all the mental acumen necessary for



the accomplishment of success in his difficult profession. Under all circumstances he counts his honor and his self-respect as of more value than wealth, fame and position. However, these also have come to him and at an early age. He has gained that prosperity which results from earnest and well directed effort and is accounted one of the leading attorneys of his locality.

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D. P. LAMOREUX.

The leaders are comparatively few. The great majority of mankind are content to remain in the positions where circumstances seem to place them, but occasionally there are found those who possess determination and initiative spirit sufficient to pass beyond such a point and who therefore become prominent in the field to which they direct their efforts. Such has been the history of D. P. Lamoreux. Each step in his career has been a forward one and laudable ambition has led the way to success until he ranks today with the prominent business men of Wisconsin. He was born December 12, 1873, a son of Silas Wright and Hattie Lamoreux. The father was born in Madison county, New York, March 8, 1843, and pursued his education in that state. He came to Wisconsin in 1862, when a young man of nineteen years, and during the period of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations in order to respond to the country's call for aid, enlisting in a regiment of Wisconsin volunteers, with which he served as captain. High political and judicial honors came to him; he filled the office of state senator for one term, was district attorney of Dodge county for four years, was county judge for fourteen years or from 1879 until 1893, and in the latter year was appointed commissioner of the general land office of the United States at Washington, in which capacity he served for four years. He was afterward president of the Mayville (Wis.) Exchange Bank for four years and successfully engaged in the practice of law, ranking with the eminent attorneys of the state. He was interested in the manufacture of malleable iron and has become well known in that connection. In the family were four children: C. W., who has served as county judge, and makes his home in Mayville; H. S.; Vivian L., the wife of W. K. Murphy; and D. P.

The last named was a pupil in the high school of Mayville and afterward entered the University of Wisconsin, from which he was graduated in 1895. He spent three years in civil engineering and was private secretary to the general commissioner of the land office at Washington from 1895 until 1897 inclusive. He afterward spent three months in the Exchange Bank of Mayville, but the lure of the west attracted him and he made his way to Seattle, Washington, where he became connected with steamship lines running their boats between Seattle and Alaska. On the 23d of January, 1898, he returned to Beaver Dam and has since been identified with the Malleable Iron Works. He entered the clerical department but his business ability soon won recognition in his promotion to the office of treasurer. Later he was made treasurer and manager and in August, 1909, was chosen president and general manager, which is his present connection with one of the most extensive and important productive industries of the state. He stands prominent among the business men

who are capable of directing mammoth enterprises, who coordinate seemingly diverse elements into a harmonious whole and whose keen sagacity enables them to formulate plans that lead to successful completion. He is likewise a director of the German National Bank and of the Beaver Dam Manufacturing Company and his sound judgment and keen insight make his cooperation a valuable asset in the conduct of any business enterprise.

Mr. Lamoreux stands for progress in all those lines of activity which should interest every public-spirited citizen. He has been a stalwart champion of the cause of education, a staunch advocate of the political principles which he deems essential in good government and a factor in local progress and improvement. He is a member of the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin and is a member of the board of trustees of the Library Association of Beaver Dam. He is likewise a trustee of the Wisconsin House and Farm Association and is president of the Great White Way Association. He belongs also to the Wisconsin Manufacturers Association and has served on some of its most important committees. For one term he served as alderman of Beaver Dam but has always preferred that his public duty should be done as a private citizen. He belongs to that class of men who wield a power which is all the more potent from the fact that it is moral rather than political and is exercised for the public weal rather than for personal ends. Fraternally he is connected with the blue lodge of Masons and he belongs to the Milwaukee Club, the Railway Business Association and the Delta Tau Delta of Madison.

On the 19th of November, 1898, Mr. Lamoreux was married to Miss Isabelle Holmes, a daughter of Mrs. Fred Bausman, of Seattle. Their children are: Fred S., who was born in 1900; and Bertram Holmes, in 1906. Both are now pupils in the public schools of Beaver Dam. "Well descended and well bred," reared in a life of constant and healthful activity, D. P. Lamoreux has made constant advancement and his actions have been of constantly broadening scope. Throughout his life he has held many important relations to the public interest and his business interests are of a character that contribute in extensive measure to public prosperity as well as to individual success.

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#### HON. EDWARD CLINTON McFETRIDGE.

The record of few public men extend over a longer period and no life has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct or stainless in reputation than that of Edward Clinton McFetridge. Many tangible evidences can be cited of his devotion to the public good when in office. He has labored to further local improvement and general progress and has long been accounted one of the leaders of the republican party in Wisconsin. At the same time Beaver Dam has benefited by his efforts along business lines, for his business interests have usually been of a character that has contributed to public prosperity as well as to individual success.

Mr. McFetridge was born in Rochester, New York, on the 15th of April, 1836, and acquired his education in the public schools of that city, supplemented by a year's study in the University of Rochester. He afterward read law in



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the office of Townsend & Shuart and was admitted to practice upon passing an examination before the supreme court in Rochester in 1857.

In the fall of 1858 Mr. McFetridge arrived in Beaver Dam, where his brother, James A. McFetridge, was engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods in company with the late George H. Stewart. Edward C. McFetridge here entered upon the practice of law in connection with Hon. A. Scott Sloan, now deceased. This relation was maintained until 1864, when he withdrew from the profession and entered into business relations with his brother in the building of the Beaver Dam Woolen Mills. Subsequently they were joined by John T. Smith and others and the business was incorporated. For a number of years it was conducted successfully but in 1908 was shut down and the plant is now for sale.

Throughout all the years of his residence in Beaver Dam, covering more than a half century, Mr. McFetridge has figured prominently in public life. He has been called to many positions of honor and trust of a local nature and again in connection with affairs of state. In 1863 and again in 1864 he was elected superintendent of schools and did much to formulate the educational policy of the city at that early period. In 1870 he was elected mayor of Beaver Dam and in the same year was elected county treasurer and again in 1872. In 1871 he was chosen one of the county supervisors and in 1878 was elected to represent his district in the general assembly. During the ensuing legislative session he was appointed chairman of the committee on state affairs and later in the session was appointed a member on the joint special committee of the senate and house on the revision of the statutes. While in the legislature he reported in favor of and strongly advocated the amending of the state constitution in favor of holding biennial sessions of the general assembly. The joint resolution for such amendment was passed by the legislature of 1878-9 and ratified by the vote of the people in November, 1881. In the latter year Mr. McFetridge was elected state treasurer of Wisconsin and was reelected in 1884, his incumbency continuing until January 1, 1887, or for a period of six years, his reelection being evidence of his excellent service during his first term and the confidence and trust reposed in him by the public. In 1889 he was a candidate for the nomination for governor but the plurality vote went to the Hon. W. D. Hoard, who was elected. From the time that age conferred upon him the right of franchise to the present, Mr. McFetridge has been a stalwart advocate of republican principles. By education and choice he became a member of the party and his first presidential ballot was cast for Abraham Lincoln. In 1872 he was chosen a presidential elector and had the honor of casting Wisconsin's vote for Ulysses S. Grant for president. His last presidential vote supported William H. Taft and at the same time he voted in favor of women's suffrage but was on the losing side in both instances.

On the 15th of October, 1861, Mr. McFetridge was married to Miss Frances Amelia Blanchard, of Tecumseh, Michigan, who departed this life February 28, 1898, leaving one son, John Charles.

Aside from his business and political activity Mr. McFetridge has become widely known in other connections. He has been a director of the Williams Free Library since its organization and was a member of its original building committee in 1891. He is a life member of the State Historical Society

and is a thirty-second degree Mason, actively interested in the work of the craft. He belongs to all the local Masonic organizations, in which he has held many important positions and is untiring in his work for the welfare of the local bodies. His life has ever exemplified the beneficent spirit of the craft, which has as its basic element mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. He stands as a high type of American manhood and chivalry and of American citizenship as well. He has never deviated from a course which he has believed to be right between himself and his fellowmen, nor has he failed to follow a course which his judgment has sanctioned as of greatest value in public affairs. While he is no longer an active factor in public life in the sense of seeking office, he keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the day and is thoroughly informed concerning questions of importance.

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#### RICHARD A. BIECHL.

Thirty-one years' identification with various business enterprises in Beaver Dam, where he has carried on his operations honorably and prosperously during the time, entitle Richard A. Biechl to be numbered among the representative men of the city. He has many friends in the community in which he resides, for he has maintained his residence here since he was twenty-two years of age. His birth occurred in Trenton, October 19, 1859, and he is a son of Edward and Theresa (Vetter) Biechl, natives of Germany. They came to America at an early date and were married in Wisconsin, where the father purchased eighty acres of land upon which he lived for several years. He finally returned to Milwaukee, where he worked at his trade for about three years returning to his farm in 1890. He carried on general agricultural pursuits upon this property for some time, eventually retiring from active life and moving to Beaver Dam where his death occurred in 1910 in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His wife had passed away two weeks previously and both are buried in Oakwood cemetery.

Richard A. Biechl was the second in a family of six children. He was educated in the public schools of Dodge county and at the age of twenty-two came to Beaver Dam where he was identified with a farm implement business as salesman for three years. For thirteen years afterward he was active in the hardware business, selling out his interests at the end of that time to join with his brother in the conduct of a similar enterprise. Their partnership continued for eight years and the business was conducted ably and prosperously during that time. Since it has been abandoned, Mr. Biechl has been engaged in buying and selling real estate and has met with his usual success in this line of activity, founding his prosperity upon honorable and upright commercial standards and upon industry, intelligence and determination.

In 1886 the subject of this review was united in marriage to Miss Lena Hofferbert, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hofferbert, natives of Germany. They came to America in early life and settled in Pennsylvania, coming subsequently to Wisconsin where they both died. Mrs. Biechl was the youngest of a family of four children and was born August 12, 1861. She died in Beaver Dam in 1910. Ten years later our subject was again wedded, his union being with

Miss Florence Smith, of Endeavor, Wisconsin. He has two children, Alexander and Richard K., both of whom live at home. The two eldest children of this family died in infancy. In his political beliefs Mr. Biechl is independent, voting according to his personal convictions. He has served for two years as a member of the board of education and is interested in every phase of local development. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church. He seeks his success in a business way and has attained prosperity along commercial lines. The success which he has attained is the result of qualities of honor and integrity in his character which unite to make him a worthy citizen and a loyal and upright man.

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#### LOUIS C. PAUTSCH.

Louis C. Pautsch, who for five years has been clerk of Dodge county, was born in Hubbard township on the 5th of April, 1868. He is a son of Carl and Fridericka (Zuelsdorf) Pautsch, natives of Pomerania, Germany, the father having been born on the 27th of June, 1831, and the mother on the 1st of October, 1836. They were married on the 26th of January, 1857, and on June 14, of the same year, they set sail for America, coming directly to Dodge county. The father purchased a small tract of land in Hubbard township and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, although in the old country he herded sheep, with the exception of the three years he served in the army. They had but limited means but they had been trained from childhood in habits of diligence and thrift and through their united efforts prospered. Mr. Pautsch assiduously applied himself to the development of his farm until 1873, when he sold it and removed to Chester township, where he engages in agricultural pursuits, making his home with one of his sons. In earlier life he took an active interest in the political affairs of the county and served for fifteen years as assessor in Chester township. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Pautsch numbered twelve, our subject being the sixth in order of birth. The others are as follows: Amelia, the widow of William Witte, of Trenton township; Johanah, the wife of Friderich Witte, of Chester township; William, who is a resident of Waupun; Marie, the widow of Herman Schlieferd of Manley, Nebraska; August, who is a resident of the same place; Wilhelmine, deceased; Eda, who is the wife of Herman Detlaff, and resides in the vicinity of Minot, North Dakota; Herman, who lives on a farm in Chester township; Martha, who married William Rehwinkel, and lives near Louisville, Nebraska; Edward, who resides on the old homestead with his father in Chester township; and Anton, who is also a farmer of Chester township.

The boyhood and youth of Louis C. Pautsch were passed on his father's farm, his education being acquired in the district schools. After leaving home he worked out until he was twenty-nine years of age, thus acquiring the means to enable him to become a property owner. He subsequently purchased a tract of land in Chester township, and there engaged in general farming for ten years in connection with the pursuits of his business, which were the buying and shipping of hay. At the expiration of that period he was elected to the office of county clerk, the duties of which have since engrossed his entire

attention. At the primaries, in September, 1912, Mr. Pautsch was nominated for county clerk for the fourth term, which is an evidence of his popularity, as no one has ever before received a fourth nomination. He was reelected on November 5, 1912, and is now serving his seventh consecutive year as county clerk of Dodge county. He still holds the title to his farm, and in addition to this he owns a residence property in Juneau. He is also extensively interested in the Juno Motor Truck Company, and is a stockholder in the State Bank of Waupun, the Farmers Elevator Company of the same place, and the Atwater Creamery Company. They are all thriving enterprises and annually yield gratifying dividends.

On the 14th of October, 1898, Mr. Pautsch was married to Miss Carolina Graf, who was born in Burnett township, this county, and is a daughter of John and Carolina (Nitschke) Graf. The father is a native of Germany and the mother of Williamstown township, this county. For many years he was actively engaged in farming, but he is now living retired in Hustisford. The mother passed away in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pautsch have had two sons: Martin, who was born January 1, 1901, and died in infancy; and Friderich, whose natal day was the 20th of January, 1906.

The family attend the Lutheran church, in the faith of which the parents were reared. Carl Pautsch, the father of our subject, has always taken an active interest in the work of this denomination, and was one of the organizers of the church in Hubbard township and also in Burnett. The political indorsement of Mr. Pautsch is given to the democratic party and he held the office of treasurer in Chester township during the period of his residence there. He is a practical man of good judgment and systematic methods and has proven efficient and competent in the discharge of his official duties, as is evidenced by the length of his period of service.

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#### EDGAR BOEING.

Edgar Boeing, president of the village of Hustisford, is also a prominent factor in financial circles as the chief executive officer of the Hustisford State Bank, which position he has occupied since the organization of the institution in 1901. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention in earlier years and brought him a gratifying measure of prosperity. He is well known as one of the native sons of Dodge county, his birth having occurred in Hustisford township on the 19th of August, 1854. His parents, Emil and Julia (Voss) Boeing, were born, reared and married in Germany. In 1849 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States and, making their way to this county, located on a farm three and a half miles south of the village of Hustisford, where Emil Boeing continued to reside until called to his final rest. His wife passed away at the home of her daughter in Black Creek, Wisconsin. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Edgar, of this review; Emma, who is the wife of Emil V. Grunigen and resides on a farm near Black Creek; Robert, who is engaged in the jewelry business in Hustisford; Ernst, a con-

tractor and builder of Hedley, British Columbia; and Hugo, who is associated with his brother Ernst in the contracting business at Hedley.

Edgar Boeing obtained his early education in the district schools of his native township and later continued his studies in the Watertown high school. He likewise pursued a short course in the Spencerian Business College. When a youth of eighteen he undertook the management of the home farm, remaining under the parental roof until twenty-eight years of age or until the time of his marriage. He then rented the homestead property and subsequently purchased the same, being actively and successfully engaged in its operation until 1898, when he put aside the work of the fields and took up his abode in Hustisford. He lived retired for several years or until the organization of the Hustisford State Bank in 1901, of which he became president. In that capacity he has served to the present time, his excellent business ability and keen discernment being potent factors in the continued growth and success of the institution. He likewise acts as the president of the Hustisford Canning Company and owns a farm west of the village which he leases to that concern. His business interests have thus been varied and in their capable control he has won a well merited degree of success.

On the 18th of October, 1882, Mr. Boeing was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Baker, who was born in Hustisford township on the 9th of August, 1853, her parents being George and Deborah Baker, the former a native of New York and the latter of Canada. Unto our subject and his wife was born one child, who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Boeing is independent. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust and responsibility and at the present time he is serving as president of the village of Hustisford, while for one term he has acted as chairman of the township board. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge at Neosho, the chapter at Horicon and the commandery at Watertown. He has remained a resident of Dodge county from his birth to the present time and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders. His wife, too, has always lived in this county and the circle of her friends is a wide one.

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#### THEODORE B. ROWELL.

Theodore B. Rowell is the president of the J. S. Rowell Manufacturing Company and as such occupies a conspicuous position in business circles of Beaver Dam, being at the head of the largest and most important productive industry in the city. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but he has contributed much to its success, not only through the direction of its financial affairs but also through his inventive genius, whereby he has given to the world a number of new and valuable devices in the shape of improvements in farm machinery.

Mr. Rowell was born in Goshen, Indiana, in 1845, and was brought to Beaver Dam by his father, John S. Rowell, the founder and promoter of the business



which is now being conducted under the name of the J. S. Rowell Manufacturing Company. The father was born in the town of Spring Valley, Livingston county, New York, April 1, 1825, and devoted the greater part of his life to the invention and manufacture of farm machinery, in which he made such progress that his name should be enrolled on the pages of fame by the side of that of Cyrus H. McCormick and Jerome I. Case. He was the patentee of the first slip tooth ever used on a seeder and was the original patentee of the force feed that is used on nearly all the seeders and drills made in this country. At the present time the company holds forty patents on various agricultural implements. The business, however, was established on a small scale. Mr. Rowell was a plow maker by trade but he was ambitious and energetic and moreover he possessed inventive genius. After being for a time in Beaver Dam he went to Milwaukee where he purchased a small amount of steel and iron, which he hauled by team to this city. Here he established an iron foundry, employing a few men including his nephew, Gifford Rowell. The plant was originally devoted exclusively to the manufacture of plows which were sold to the local trade. In 1858 he erected a new building to supplement the old building which he had purchased for four hundred dollars. In 1860 he built a small home for his family who had hitherto lived over the factory. About 1860 he brought forth what was probably the first successful broad case seeder ever put upon the market and patented this. Its value soon met recognition and it was sold largely over the middlewest. Later he began the manufacture of threshing machines called the Tiger and again his output found ready sale. He afterward added to this hay racks, corn plows and general farm machinery. The factory was greatly enlarged and its facilities increased to meet the growing demands of the trade and John S. Rowell lived to profit by the value of his inventions and his extensive manufacturing interests. He had reached the age of about eighty-three years when in 1908 he was called to his final rest. In his family were six children, five of whom are still living: Theodore B.; Samuel, who is the vice president of the Rowell Manufacturing Company; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Lyman Barber, but both are now deceased; Mrs. Lillian Black, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; and Belle, who is the wife of R. W. Hopkins, of Milwaukee.

The eldest son, Theodore B. Rowell, was a young lad at the time of the removal to Beaver Dam, where he was reared and educated. He entered business circles in connection with his father's foundry, familiarizing himself with all of the departments of the business and developing his own inventive genius. Mr. Rowell has secured many patents upon his inventions, which include the spring device for gauging the depth of cultivator teeth, an angle sieve for fanning mills and a machine for its manufacture, a grain drill feed for grain drills and several others. He is continuously studying in order to perfect the machinery, and the Tiger machines of various kinds which are sent out by the Rowell Manufacturing Company are now widely known. In fact the Tiger drills and seeders are considered second to none in the United States, creating a demand for them not only over all the western wheat belt but also in Canada, South America and Africa. The business has steadily increased and the plant is now a most extensive enterprise, covering many acres. No other undertaking has made the name of Beaver Dam so well known throughout the country than

the output of the J. S. Rowell Manufacturing Company. Theodore B. Rowell was the vice president until his father's death, when he succeeded to the presidency.

In 1869 occurred the marriage of Theodore Rowell and Miss Carrie Robinson. After her death he married Martha Clemm, of this city, and since her demise he has married Miss Eunice Huth, who was born in Port Washington, Wisconsin. He has seven children, five of whom were born of the first marriage, namely: Frank, who is associated with his father in business; Joseph, a resident of Washington; Elizabeth, the wife of a Mr. Leslie, of Chicago; Jerry, who resides in Beaver Dam; and Robert, also of Beaver Dam. The son of the second marriage is Douglas, of Washington; and the daughter of the present marriage is Dorothy, who is at home and is very proficient in music.

Mr. Rowell votes the republican ticket where national matters and issues are involved but casts an independent local ballot. He served as alderman for a short time and his attitude upon vital questions is always that of a progressive, public-spirited man, yet his important business interests leave him no time for cooperation in public affairs. He possesses marked executive ability with keen power of discriminating between the essential and the non-essential, and sound business judgment added to his inventive powers has made him one of the most prominent and forceful representatives of business circles in Beaver Dam.

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#### HUBERT ROBERT MILLER.

Hubert Robert Miller, one of the representative citizens and successful farmers, stock-raisers and dairymen of Emmet township, is owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 10. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Dodge county and has always resided on the farm which is now his home, his natal day being February 12, 1868. His father, John Miller, was born, reared and married in Austria and in that country became the father of seven children. In 1866 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, coming direct to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and purchasing the place in Emmet township which is now in possession of his son Hubert. With resolute purpose and indomitable industry he began the improvement of the property and gradually developed an excellent farm, erecting thereon an attractive and substantial brick residence and also putting up fences.

Hubert R. Miller was reared under the parental roof and obtained his early education in the common schools, while later he attended high school at Watertown. Subsequently he took charge of the home farm and has operated the same continuously and successfully since. As time has passed he has made a number of improvements, adding to and enlarging the barn and also erecting substantial outbuildings. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he has for a number of years been engaged in the dairy business, this branch of his business yielding him a gratifying annual income. He raises high-grade Holstein cattle, has some fine milch stock and is a stockholder in the cheese factory and in the Watertown Telephone Company. A man of good business ability and sound judgment, he has won prosperity in his undertakings as an agri-

culturist and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the progressive and esteemed citizens of his community.

On the 26th of May, 1897, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Roffeis, who was born and reared in this county, her father being John P. Roffeis, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. Our subject and his wife have six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Raymond C., Philumania, John, William, Frank and Agatha.

Mr. Miller is a democrat and takes an active interest in local politics and in matters relating to the public welfare. He was elected to the office of assessor and by reelection was continued in that position until he had served for five consecutive years as assessor of Emmet township, ever discharging his duties in a highly commendable and satisfactory manner. He has also been sent as a delegate to both county and state conventions and both in public and in private life has manifested the sterling traits of character which everywhere command respect and regard. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have always lived in this county and are widely and favorably known here.

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#### CHARLES H. EGGLESTON.

There is no more enviable title in the country today than that of veteran of the Civil war. We honor the few surviving heroes of that conflict for their valor, patience and enduring loyalty and respect them for their unselfish service. No one is more entitled to recognition in this respect than Charles H. Eggleston, who for three years fought in his country's cause and closed his service only at the end of the hostilities. He does not, however, rest his only claim to distinction upon his military record. His life since his discharge has been spent in business in Fox Lake up to the time of his retirement and has been a worthy sequel to his career as a soldier. Mr. Eggleston is a native of England and was born in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, on the 4th of August, 1835, a son of Thomas G. and Deborah (Austin) Eggleston, who left their native country about 1837 and came to America. They settled in Utica, New York, where they remained for one year before coming to Wisconsin. They resided in Milwaukee for a short time, the father working as a contracting mason. He built the first brick house in Milwaukee about the year 1838 and was also responsible for the construction of the first lighthouse in the state, erected at what is now Kenosha. Eventually he moved to Pewaukee and later to Waukesha, working at his trade in both cities. In Waukesha he rebuilt the courthouse and did much construction work for the railroads. His residence in Fox Lake dated from 1855, in which year he established himself and his family in that city, being influenced in his removal, by securing a contract to erect the Wisconsin Female College. This structure was later destroyed by fire and never rebuilt and its ruins are standing at the present time. The father of our subject made his home in Fox Lake until his death, which occurred in 1892, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. His wife survived him two years, passing away when she was eighty-seven years old. Both are buried in the Waushara cemetery.

Charles H. Eggleston is the eldest in a family of six children. He began his education in the Wisconsin public schools and completed it in Carl College



*C. H. Eggleston*



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at Waukesha. When he laid aside his books he clerked in the postoffice for about a year and later entered the employ of a local grain dealer. In 1862 he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was wounded at the battle of Fort Gibson on May 1, 1863, having been shot through the right lung. He was taken to the Union hospital at Memphis and was disabled until after the surrender at Vicksburg. General Grant gave a furlough to all wounded soldiers and Mr. Eggleston took advantage of this and returned home. Upon the expiration of his furlough he reported at the hospital at Madison and was discharged in the latter part of December, 1863. Returning home, he was assigned to duty in the recruiting service in this state and did not return to his regiment until March, 1864, when he joined General Banks on his Red River expedition. After the battle of Sabine Cross Roads on April 28, 1864, they went to the Mississippi river and Mr. Eggleston's regiment saw service in Mississippi, Missouri and Louisiana and was in Alabama at the time of Lee's surrender. During his period of military activity the subject of this review took part in many battles and skirmishes and was promoted from the position of private to that of corporal and then to sergeant, was made orderly sergeant and then second lieutenant and was mustered out at Shreveport, Louisiana, on the 22d of June, 1865, as first lieutenant of his regiment and received his discharge at Madison, Wisconsin, on the 7th of July in the same year. He immediately returned to Fox Lake, where in 1866 he established himself in the retail lumber business, continuing his identification with this line of activity and being constantly successful until January 1, 1912, when he sold his interests and retired from active life.

In 1866 Mr. Eggleston was united in marriage to Miss Susan B. Blaisdell, a daughter of Oliver Blaisdell, of Bennington, New York. She was the eldest of three children and was born on July 22, 1834. She passed away on June 25, 1911, and is buried in Waushara cemetery at Fox Lake.

Mr. Eggleston gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his loyalty and disinterestedness have been rewarded by his election to various village offices. There is hardly a line of legitimate activity in this section of the state in which his name is not well known. He is a stockholder in the State Bank of Fox Lake and holds the office of president in that organization. He is also president of the Fox Lake Canning Company and holds the same office on the board of trustees of Wayland University. As trustee of Downer College he has added to his laurels gained in Wayland University and has ably promoted the cause of education. He is a stockholder in the Marine National Bank of Milwaukee and in the Malleable Iron Works of Beaver Dam. He is also interested in the Beaver Dam Gas & Light Company and in the Milwaukee Western Electric Railroad Company, gaining by his activities in these various enterprises recognition as a shrewd and able business man of remarkable discrimination. He is a member of the Baptist church and has served on the board of trustees for almost thirty-five years. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been a member of this organization for forty years and secretary of his lodge for thirty-five years. He has occupied all the chairs and is a member of the Encampment. He is actively interested in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, being prominent and well known among his comrades. He has been a business man practically all his active life and his

character has been influenced by the alertness of attention and the force of concentration which successful business activity requires. He is an unassuming, straightforward and intelligent man who has sought tangible prosperity by the usual methods but who is distinguished by the fact that his energies have always been honorably directed and his high position worthily achieved.

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#### CHRISTIAN W. DOCTER.

Christian W. Docter, photographer at Mayville, was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, September 30, 1868. His father, John Docter, a native of the Rhine country of Germany, was brought to America in 1842 when but two years of age. After the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted on the 28th day of August, 1861, and for three years served at the front with a Wisconsin regiment. When wounded he returned home but when he regained his health he reenlisted on the 1st of April, 1865, as a member of Company G, Eighth Wisconsin Infantry, with which he remained until mustered out on the 31st of March, 1866. He was a carpenter by trade and while working on a church steeple in Kenosha fell and his death resulted. This was in the year 1877. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Stantz, is still living.

Christian W. Docter acquired his education in the district and parochial schools. He was early employed by a spring bed manufacturer at Kenosha and afterward took up the study of photography in the photograph gallery of Ben LaMarsche, in Kenosha. There he remained until 1889, when he started out in business on his own account and has since been located at Mayville. He has a well equipped studio and does excellent work so that he is accorded a liberal patronage.

On the 20th of May, 1890, Mr. Docter was married to Miss Anna R. Moeller, a daughter of Joseph Moeller, of Kenosha, who was a blacksmith by trade but is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Docter have become the parents of five children: John C., living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Adelaide; Rudolph; Helen; and Viola. Mr. Docter has been a lifelong resident of this state and in his life manifests the sterling qualities of the citizen of the middle west, being alert, enterprising and progressive. He has made good use of his time and talents and has met with a measure of success which is the merited regard of his persistent labor and his skill.

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#### JOHN KELLEY.

Probably no one citizen of Dodge county has contributed more largely toward the general progress and development of the community along educational lines than John Kelley, the editor of the Juneau Telephone, who is now serving his sixth term as county superintendent of schools. In the latter capacity he has been a strong factor in influencing and molding the characters

of the youth, while through the medium of the columns of his paper he has striven to implant in both old and young not only better standards of citizenship, but a due recognition of the important part played in life by these elements without the material world.

He is of Irish extraction but was born in Oneida county, New York, his natal day being the 22d of September, 1852, and his parents Martin and Mary (Keeley) Kelley. They were born, reared and married in County Galway, Ireland, which was also the birthplace of their six eldest children. The father was born on the 11th of May, 1804, and the mother some ten years later. Farming largely engaged his attention and he was also an overseer of public works, but neither proved very lucrative, and feeling that he should like to provide his children with better advantages than he could possibly procure for them in the old country, he decided to come to America. He took passage for the United States in 1847, locating in Oneida county, New York, where he was joined two years later by his wife and children. They made that their home until 1853, when they continued their journey westward to Wisconsin, settling on a farm in Shields township, this county. There, both parents passed the remainder of their lives, the father's death occurring in November, 1891, and that of the mother in July, 1896. Mr. Kelley enjoyed the full rights of citizenship, and at one time served as supervisor of his township, among the citizens of which he was highly esteemed and numbered many friends. There were seven daughters and two sons in the Kelley family, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of three: Ellen, the wife of Patrick King, of Chicago; John, our subject; and Anna, who is residing at Richwood, near the old homestead, where the family still owns some valuable property.

John Kelley accompanied his parents on their removal to Dodge county and has ever since made his home in this state. He was a child of only one year when they located in Shields township, where he was reared to manhood and received his early education. When he was eighteen he left school and began his career as an educator. For three years thereafter he taught in his home township, thus acquiring the money to enable him to continue his studies. At the end of that time he enrolled in the normal school at Plattville, being graduated from this institution in June, 1877. This event conferred upon him the additional distinction of being the first citizen of Dodge county to have received a normal school diploma. Returning home he taught for two years thereafter in Richwood, going from there to Fox Lake, where he held the position of high-school principal for three years, subsequently serving in the same capacity for a like period at Horicon. His next removal was to Juneau, where he purchased the paper he has ever since been editing. For a time he was not actively connected with educational affairs, giving his attention almost entirely to the publication of his paper. From 1892 to 1896, he was enrolling clerk in the house of representatives at Washington, D. C., and in 1900 was elected county superintendent of schools. As he gave efficient and capable service in this connection he was reelected at the expiration of his term and has ever since been the incumbent of the office. Mr. Kelley has always been deeply interested in the public schools, and even when not actively connected with educational work kept in touch with the theories and ideas of our leading authorities on school matters. He fully recognizes and appreciates the



merits and deficiencies of the present educational system, and being a practical man of progressive ideas is striving to meet the needs and requirements of the period. That he is succeeding is evidenced by the favor in which he is held throughout the county as well as by the results he is achieving. As the common schools have been established for the benefit of all the youth of the community, it has been his effort to try to adapt them to meet the needs of the majority rather than the few, and to this end he is directing his endeavors with good results. Mr. Kelley has won much more than local renown as an educator and in 1909 served as president of the Wisconsin State Teachers Association, and for a time he was also official visitor to the normal schools of the state. His attention is now almost entirely devoted to his official duties, although he is still managing and editing his paper, the columns of which are given to the support of every worthy and commendable movement.

Mr. Kelley has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Jennie F. McGuire, of Chicago, the event being celebrated on the 24th of August, 1880. She was born on August 15, 1852, and was a daughter of Patrick McGuire, a carpenter and contractor. Two children were born of this marriage: Mary Frances, whose birth occurred on May 31, 1881, now the wife of D. E. McLane, principal of the West Bend high school; and John Edward, whose natal day was the 2d of July, 1882, a practicing physician of Chicago. The mother passed away on the 11th of August, 1907. On the 30th of June, 1910, Mr. Kelley was married to his present wife, whose maiden name was Clara A. Purcell. She was born in Waupun, this state, on the 24th of July, 1876, and is a daughter of Thomas and Charlotta (Bushee) Purcell. The father is now engaged in mining in Idaho, where he has resided for several years, but the mother has long been deceased, having passed away during the infancy of her daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelley there has been born one child, Kathleen Veronica, whose birth occurred on the 16th of April, 1912.

The parents are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters, Catholic Knights of Wisconsin and the Modern Woodmen of America. In his political views he is staunchly loyal to the principles of the democratic party, and takes an active interest in all local affairs. Mr. Kelley wields a strong influence throughout the county through the medium of the columns of his paper, which are as readily used to denounce wrong as to commend good. He is broad-minded and charitable in his judgment and endeavors to place before his readers an honest and just report of all matters of public interest.

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#### PHILANDER WHITE.

The late Philander White, who passed away at Rolling Prairie on the 7th of March, 1900, was one of the early settlers of Burnett township, Dodge county. He was a native of the state of New York, his birth having occurred in Steuben county on April 7, 1823, and a son of Peter and Rebecca White, who were likewise natives of the Empire state, where they passed their entire lives.

Philander White was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, subsequently turning his attention to agricultural pursuits. He remained a resident of New York state until 1863, when he came to Wisconsin, locating in Dodge county. Soon thereafter he purchased land in Burnett township, which he cultivated for three years. At the expiration of that period he sold his holdings there, investing the proceeds in a farm in Oak Grove township. After residing on this place for a short time he removed to Beaver Dam, where he made his home for four years, but still engaged in the operation of his farm in Trenton township. His next removal was to Columbia county, this state, where he continued in agricultural pursuits for nineteen years, meeting with a good measure of success. Having attained the venerable age of seventy-five years, in 1898 he left his farm and went to Rolling Prairie, this county, spending his remaining days in well earned ease and rest.

Mr. White was twice married. To him and his first wife there were born six children: George, who is a resident of Beaver Dam; Merick, who is living in Rockford, Illinois; LeRoy, who is in the west; Lawrence and Darius, who are deceased; and Lloyd, who resides in Wyocena, this state. On the 27th of March, 1864, Mr. White was married to Miss Eliza M. Phillips, who was born and reared in this county, her natal day being the 16th of February, 1847. She is a daughter of Ralph and Mary (Hand) Phillips, well known pioneers of Oak Grove township. The father was born in Newtown, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of May, 1816, while the mother's birth occurred in the state of New York on February 1, 1820. They were married in Orange county, New York, where they resided until 1845, when they came to Wisconsin, casting their lot with the pioneers of Oak Grove township. There they passed the remainder of their lives, the father's death occurring on April 8, 1897, and that of the mother on the 13th of April, 1910. To them were born seven children, Mrs. White being the fourth in order of birth. Mrs. White continued to reside in Rolling Prairie after the death of her husband until 1906, when she disposed of her property there and removed to Horicon, where she now makes her home.

The political support of Mr. White was accorded to the democratic party, and while residing in Beaver Dam he served as alderman from the Fourth ward. He was a man of unusual energy and perseverance, but of a somewhat retiring nature and never figured prominently in local politics. He was not remiss in matters of citizenship, however, but took an active interest in the welfare of the community and the development of its public utilities.

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#### MICHAEL A. JACOBS.

Michael A. Jacobs is well known as a lumber merchant of Beaver Dam, yet many and varied interests aside from the lumber trade occupy his time and attention and profit by his coöperation. In a word he is one of the prominent and representative business men of Dodge county, occupying a central place on the stage of activity, his labors constituting an element in public prosperity as well as individual success. He was born in this county, March 26, 1860, a son of Michael and Catherine (Hartzheim) Jacobs, both of whom were natives of

Rhenish Prussia, Germany, but who did not become acquainted until after their emigration to the new world, their marriage being celebrated in Dodge county in 1856. It was in 1848 that the father arrived in Wisconsin, landing at Green Bay, whence he walked to Beaver Dam. He was afterward a resident of Muskegon, Michigan, for eight years, and then went to Lomira, Dodge county, where he purchased a farm upon which he resided until 1867. In that year he established his home near Beaver Dam, purchasing a farm upon which he resided until 1889. He afterward lived retired in that city until 1907, when he was called to his final rest at the age of eighty-four years. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1873. She was a daughter of Henry and Gertrude Hartzheim, who came to Dodge county in 1847, traveling with ox teams from Milwaukee. They, too, were natives of Germany and became pioneer residents of Dodge county, purchasing land in Theresa township, where Mr. Hartzheim followed farming until his death in 1864. His wife lived until 1893 and was ninety-three years of age at the time of her demise. In the family of Michael and Catherine (Hartzheim) Jacobs were eight children, of whom three died in infancy, the others being: Mrs. Mary Ott, of St. Cloud, Wisconsin; Michael A.; Mrs. Henry Fuesing, of Beaver Dam; Mrs. H. R. Heimler, also of Beaver Dam, and John C., of Chicago.

Michael A. Jacobs was instructed in both English and German by his mother and received the further educational opportunity of attending parochial and public school, while for one term he was an attendant in Mount Calvary College. He was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil, and continued on the farm until twenty-seven years of age. In 1887, in connection with Peter Roedl and John W. Hall he purchased the lumber yard of D. Dickinson & Company and has since been active in the business. Mr. Hall, however, withdrew in 1893. The firm handles a general line of lumber, building materials and fuel, and theirs is one of the extensive enterprises of this character in the city; their plant covering one and three-quarter acres while employment is furnished to ten or twelve men. The business has grown continuously year by year and the success of the enterprise is attributable in no small measure to the keen business discernment and capable direction of Mr. Jacobs. His ability has been widely recognized in other connections and his cooperation has been sought in promoting many commercial, industrial and financial concerns. He organized the German National Bank and was its cashier from 1891 until 1894 inclusive, save for eleven months, when he was away from Beaver Dam in 1893. He is still one of its directors and is a director of the Milwaukee Western Electric Railroad Company, of the Malleable Iron Range Company and the Beaver Dam Malleable Iron Company. He is likewise a director of the Woolen Manufacturing Company and is secretary, treasurer and one of the directors of the Sun Coal Company, owning and operating mines at Caryville, Tennessee.

His extensive and important business interests do not preclude his cooperation with interests of a public character. He is a director of the Williams Free Library and has been somewhat prominent in public office to which he has been elected as a candidate of the democratic party. He served as township clerk while on the farm in 1884, 1885 and 1886, and was county clerk from 1888 until 1892, inclusive. He was also chief clerk of the general land office in 1893 and

at the same time was World's Fair commissioner for the interior department. He had charge of the opening of the Cherokee district in Oklahoma, September 16, 1893, and in 1898 he was elected to the state senate. In 1906 he was chosen mayor of Beaver Dam for a two years' term and gave to the city a prompt and businesslike administration, during which he put in the first brick pavement in the city. His cooperation could always be counted upon to further progressive public movements and his work has been followed by practical and beneficial results.

On the 26th of November, 1884, Mr. Jacobs was married to Miss Theresa M. Flasch, of Fond du Lac county, a daughter of John M. and Elizabeth (Gales) Flasch, both of whom were natives of Germany and came to the United States in 1847. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs were born ten children, six of whom are yet living, while two died in infancy and one at the age of fifteen years. Those who survive are Peter R., Albert F., Edward H., Agnes M., Michael J., and John B. Mr. Jacobs and his family are members of St. Peter's Catholic church and he is a prominent representative of the Catholic Knights, being state treasurer of the organization. He also belongs to St. Peter's Benevolent Society and is much interested in charitable work. In fact he has always been willing to use his means to a reasonable extent for the benefit of others, feeling a deep and sincere interest in the welfare of his fellow townsmen. His record as a public official and as a merchant are alike commendable and in every relation of life he has commanded the respect and received the esteem of those with whom he has come in contact.

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#### CARL HILGENDORF.

Carl Hilgendorf, who is the present incumbent of the office of county treasurer, was for many years actively and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Oak Grove township, where he owns a valuable farm. He is one of the estimable citizens Germany has furnished Dodge county, his birth having occurred in the province of Pommern, on the 2d of February, 1854. His parents, William and Frederica (Richardt) Hilgendorf, were born, reared and married in the same province, the father's natal day being the 28th of October, 1828, and the mother's January 3, 1827. The father, who was a carpenter, emigrated to the United States with his family in 1868, first locating in Theresa township, this county, where he followed his trade for four years. At the expiration of that period he bought a tract of land in Oak Grove township, giving his undivided attention to its further improvement and cultivation during the remainder of his active life. He passed away on his farm on the 28th of November, 1892, and the mother on the 13th of February, 1895. They were the parents of seven children, of whom our subject is the eldest. In order of birth the others are as follows: August, who is a contractor in Juneau; William, deceased; Herman, who follows the mason's trade and also conducts a general mercantile store in the village of Oak Grove; John, a carpenter contractor residing in California; Ulrike, the wife of Herman Zimmerman, a retired farmer; and Ernest, a carpenter of Menomonee, Wisconsin.

The education of Carl Hilgendorf was acquired in the common schools of his native land, which he attended until he accompanied his parents to America at the age of fourteen years. He subsequently learned the carpenter's trade from his father, whom he also assisted with the cultivation of the home farm, remaining with his parents until he was married. For eight years thereafter he followed his trade, but at the expiration of that time he bought the old homestead from his father and once more turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. His energies were entirely devoted to diversified farming and stock-raising from that period until the autumn of 1910, when he was elected to his present office. Prior to entering upon his official duties he removed to Juneau, where he owns a very attractive, modern residence and here he expects to pass the remainder of his life. Mr. Hilgendorf has met with success in his undertakings and holds the title to two hundred and five acres of farm land in this county. He is also financially interested in the Essmann Cheese Company, of which he has been secretary for twenty-five years, and is a stockholder and the present treasurer of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Juneau.

On the 19th of December, 1878, Mr. Hilgendorf was married to Miss Louisa Schrap, who was born in Lomira township, this county, on the 16th of April, 1856. She is a daughter of Carl and Henrietta (Moerike) Schrap, natives of Germany, and well known pioneer farming people of Oak Grove township, where they resided until 1893. In the latter year they came to Juneau and here the father is now living retired at the age of seventy-nine years, the mother being two years his junior. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hilgendorf: Ida, the wife of Herman Ihde, of Juneau; Eddie, who married Frances Krauth and resides in Hubbard township; Emil, who married Martha Rupnow and is residing on one of his father's farms in Oak Grove township; and Martha, Adela and Alma, all of whom are residing at home.

The family belong to the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Hilgendorf was treasurer for eleven years. Politically he indorses the democratic party. He is public-spirited in matters of citizenship and has always taken an interest in local politics, having served as treasurer of his township for one year and as chairman for seven. He is a man of practical ideas and clear judgment, whose energies were intelligently directed toward the achievement of a definite purpose, which he attained. In the discharge of his official duties he is manifesting the same qualities that characterized him in the development of his private interests, and is therefore fully equal to his responsibilities.

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#### JOHN G. BACHHUBER.

With the passing away of John G. Bachhuber on the 27th of March, 1912, the city of Juneau sustained the loss of one of her most estimable citizens. Although a lawyer by profession, during the greater period of his residence here he had figured prominently in local political affairs. At the time of his demise, and for five years prior to that, he held the office of mayor, and in this as in other public capacities he made a record which not only proved him

to be a trustworthy and reliable servant of the people but, what is of still greater importance, a man of honor and unquestionable integrity.

He was one of Dodge county's native sons, his birth having occurred at Farmerville, Leroy township, on the 8th of March, 1868. He was of German extraction, however, his parents, Max and Theresa (Engle) Bachhuber, having been born in Bavaria. They were married in Milwaukee, but later removed to this county, where for some years the father engaged in farming. He subsequently conducted a hotel and general mercantile store at Farmerville, however, being actively identified with the business interests of that community until his death on February 2, 1879. The mother, who was born on March 30, 1837, is still living and now makes her home in Mayville, this county.

John G. Bachhuber was reared in the simple, unpretentious country home of that period, and early had instilled in his youthful mind the necessity of forming habits of thrift and industry, while the importance of honesty in the successful pursuit of a career was often dwelt upon. His education was begun in the common schools of Leroy township, following which he attended the Catholic parochial school at Farmerville and the high school of Mayville. He had long been attracted toward the profession of law and subsequently matriculated in the University of Wisconsin, where he pursued his professional studies, being awarded his degree with the class of 1888. Upon his admission to the bar, he returned to Mayville, this county, maintaining an office there for three years. At the expiration of that time he came to Juneau where he continued his practice and also identified himself with local political activities. He was also connected with various business enterprises, and served for thirteen years as secretary of the Wisconsin Hail and Cyclone Insurance Company, while he was a stockholder in the Juneau Investment Company and the Citizens Bank.

He was a stanch democrat in politics and began his public career as city clerk of Mayville. Later he was made register of probate and in 1893 he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Lamoreaux as county judge. For several years he represented his ward in the city council, and he also served as chief of the Dodge county fire marshals. In each and every instance he maintained the dignity of his office and adequately met its responsibilities, discharging his duties in a highly creditable manner. He was a man of practical ideas, sound principles and high standards, and so far as lay within his power gave the people good and efficient service. He was permanently located here and took a personal interest in forwarding the development of the community, and conscientiously strove to meet the requirements of his official position by supporting every movement the adoption of which he felt would prove beneficial to the majority.

At Mayville on the 21st of September, 1891, Mr. Bachhuber was united in marriage to Miss Marie de Vantier, who was born in the vicinity of Berlin, Germany, on the 1st of November, 1869. She is a daughter of Frederick and Bertha (Gensmer) de Vantier, who were born, reared and married in the same section of Germany. There the father, who was a day laborer, died on March 1, 1879, and the following year the mother emigrated to America with her children. She came direct to Dodge county, locating in Mayville, but now resides in Juneau. Upon the death of the father the responsibility of supporting and educating the family devolved entirely upon the mother, who worked

for other people, doing whatever she could to earn an honest living for herself and children. They were all given the best advantages she could provide them, and grew up to be a credit to her and the community. There were two sons and a daughter, Mrs. Bachhuber being the youngest of the family. The elder son, Charles, is now superintendent in the shops of the Great Northern Railway at St. Paul, Minnesota; Fred, who is the second in order of birth, is a baker by trade and makes his home in Juneau with the mother. To Mr. and Mrs. Bachhuber there were born five children: Alice, Irene, Norma and Harold, all of whom are at home; and John, the fourth in order of birth, who was born on August 28, 1903, and died four months later.

In 1909, Mr. Bachhuber erected the residence now occupied by his widow and family, which is one of the most pretentious and modern houses in the town. Some years previous he built the house on the lot adjoining, being at the time of his death the owner of four residence properties in Juneau and a fine farm in Burnett township. He had made further provision for the protection of those dependent upon him through the medium of his connection with the Modern Woodmen of America fraternity, thus leaving a competence that fully provides for the needs of his entire family. Mr. Bachhuber was highly esteemed and had many friends in Juneau, where he was known as a man who was always ready and willing to serve the community in any capacity in which he was needed. At the time of his death he held the highest position in the municipality and he was also a member of the fire department, which fact most clearly manifests that he never shirked any recognized duty.

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#### JOHN F. RIEGE.

John F. Riege, manager of the elevator of the Milwaukee Elevator Company located at Horicon, was born in the province of Pomerania, Germany, on the 15th of August, 1873. His parents, Erdmann and Minnie (Feit) Riege, were born, reared and married, in Pomerania, where the father followed the vocation of shepherd. They were hard-working, thrifty people, and desiring to give their children the benefit of better opportunities than they felt were afforded in the more congested sections of their native land resolved to come to America. It required much self-denial and careful management to save the necessary passage money from the father's meager earnings, but at last it was achieved and in the spring of 1875 they sailed for the United States. They came direct to Horicon, where the father worked as a laborer on the railroad and also for the farmers in this vicinity. Subsequently he was able to begin farming for himself as a renter, his efforts in this direction proving so lucrative that he was later able to buy land in Burnett township. Diligently he applied himself to the further improvement and development of his farm until 1908, when he sold it to his son, John and removed to a smaller place located just outside the corporate limits of Horicon in Oak Grove township. Here he passed away on the 2d of May, 1910. He had long survived the mother, whose death occurred on March 28, 1900. To this worthy couple were born nine children, our subject being the eighth in order of birth.

John F. Riege was not yet two years of age when his parents located in Dodge county, where he was reared to manhood and has passed the greater part of his life. In the acquirement of an education he attended the district schools of Burnett township during the winter months and in summer assisted with the work of the farm. At the age of sixteen years he left the parental roof and started out to make his own way in the world. Being unfamiliar with any occupation save that of farming he sought employment with the agriculturists in this vicinity, continuing to follow this line of work for five years. In 1894 he came to Horicon and entered the employ of Charles Kuehn, manager of the elevator. He continued in his employ in the capacity of assistant for six years, and as he applied himself intelligently to the discharge of his duties acquired sufficient knowledge of the business to later secure his present position. Upon leaving the service of Mr. Kuehn he returned to the home farm, and for three years thereafter confined his attention to the tilling of the fields and care of the crops. At the end of that period he was offered the position of manager of the elevator at Horicon by the Milwaukee Elevator Company, and has ever since had charge of their business at this point. That he has proven efficient is substantially evidenced by the length of his connection with the company, and the amount of business he annually handles. In the development of his personal interests, Mr. Riege manifests the same sound judgment and general capability which characterize his management of the affairs of others. As a result he has acquired a good residence property in Horicon and a small farm in Oak Grove township, the one on which his father was living at the time of his death, and he also holds title to the old family homestead in Burnett township.

On the 21st of November, 1900, Mr. Riege was married to Miss Anna Thorne, who was born in Theresa township on the 16th of May, 1870. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thorne, natives of Germany, who emigrated to the United States in early life, subsequently locating in Theresa township. There the father acquired land and engaged in farming until his death which occurred on the 19th of July, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Riege are members of the German Lutheran church, and politically he is a democrat. An agreeable man of accommodating manner, he has many friends in Horicon and the surrounding country, where he is widely known and has established a reputation for straightforwardness and absolute integrity.

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#### EDWARD BEICHL.

Edward Beichl is the president of the Beaver Dam Manufacturing Company, owning and controlling one of the most extensive and important productive industries of the city. His business record is such as any man might be proud to possess, for he started out in life for himself at the age of fourteen years and has since been dependent upon his own resources. He has never deviated from a course which his judgment has sanctioned as right, has carefully met every obligation and filled every engagement and enjoys in unusual measure the regard and good-will of colleagues and contemporaries.



Wisconsin claims him as a native son, for his birth occurred in Milwaukee, January 17, 1864, his parents being Edward and Theresa Beichl. They had a family of five children, the others being Charles, Richard, Emma and Otto, all of Beaver Dam. The father was the first man to number the houses of Milwaukee. He was also a portrait painter and devoted a portion of his life to agricultural pursuits.

His son and namesake pursued his education in the public schools of Trenton, Wisconsin, but put aside his text-books at the age of fourteen years and became connected with a dry-goods business. Possessing laudable ambition and determined purpose, he gradually worked his way upward and for twenty years he was successfully engaged in the real-estate business in Beaver Dam and Milwaukee. He is still interested in real-estate holdings and owns some valuable property, from which he derives a substantial income. Of recent years, however, he has concentrated his efforts more exclusively upon manufacturing interests. In 1901 he and his brother joined Charles Calkhirst and N. R. Nelson in forming a partnership for the manufacture of seeders and cultivators. This business was incorporated in 1903 with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars. From the outset the undertaking prospered, owing to the careful management of its promoters, and its growth is indicated in the fact that on the 13th of July, 1906, the capital stock was increased to fifty thousand dollars; on the 13th of June, 1908, to one hundred thousand dollars; and on the 24th of June, 1911, to two hundred thousand dollars, which is the present capitalization. In 1903 the company erected a building one hundred and ten by forty feet and in 1904 built a two-story brick building forty by sixty feet. Still this did not give them adequate space, and in 1906 was added a one-story building thirty-four by eighty feet. The constant growth of their trade still demanded larger quarters and in 1910 they erected a brick building sixty by one hundred and sixty-eight feet and a warehouse sixty by one hundred and twenty feet. In 1911 a wood shop was built, sixty by one hundred and ten feet, a stock room, sixty by one hundred and sixty-eight feet, a lumber shed, forty by one hundred and sixty-eight feet, and their power house is thirty by forty feet. They have a steam plant and generate their own electricity. During this time there has been invested forty thousand dollars in new and modern machinery. The plant is lighted by electricity and heated by steam and they own their own water power and fire protection. They manufacture drills, seeders, cultivators and harrows and their trademark is "Ideal." In the first year of the company's existence they manufactured but ten machines, which were sold to the county and state trade. They soon found that satisfied patrons were the best advertisement and such was the reputation of the machines which they sent out that the next year their sale had increased to one hundred and the third to three hundred, while the present year will witness an output of eight thousand machines. During this time the company has developed single and double disc drills and a machine to which fertilizers can be attached and a device that will sow any grain from flax to peas. The product of the factory is sent throughout Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Texas, Iowa, Indiana and Ohio, and they employ about one hundred and sixty men. The business was incorporated under the laws of Wisconsin and the present

officers are Edward Beichl, president; Lawrence Fitch, vice president; R. C. Inman, secretary; and Charles Beichl, treasurer. Theirs is today one of the largest manufacturing concerns of this kind, not only of Beaver Dam, but of this part of the state, and the business has constituted an important feature in promoting the industrial activity and consequent prosperity of Dodge county.

In February, 1898, Edward Beichl was married to Miss Jennie B. Rowell, a daughter of Ira and Mary I. Rowell and a sister of Mrs. Edla Inman, Walden I. Rowell, of Chicago, and Ira Rowell, of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Beichl occupy a very prominent social position and their beautiful home is noted for its attractive and warm-hearted hospitality. Energetic, farseeing, honest and public-spirited, in his business career he has operated boldly and continuously and by the stimulus of his exertions has aroused the enterprise of others and through this means has added to his own labors and furnished hundreds of workmen with remunerative employment. He has never been a public man in the ordinary sense, having no taste for official or political life even if his business interests would have permitted him to enter it, yet he has held many important relations to the public through the manufacturing enterprise which he has conducted, the public being a large indirect beneficiary. He early showed conspicuously the traits of character that have made his life brilliantly successful. When a young man in the employ of others he performed all the duties that devolved upon him, however humble and however small the recompense might be, conscientiously and industriously, and since starting in business on his own account a splendid prosperity has been steadily his.

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#### WALTER P. SCHWEFEL.

Dodge county finds a worthy representative of its farming interests in Walter P. Schwefel, a native son, who is cultivating one hundred and twenty-five acres of land on section 21, Lebanon township. He was born September 11, 1888, and is a son of Paul and Louisa (Schwefel) Schwefel, also natives of Lebanon township, where they make their home at the present time.

Walter P. Schwefel was reared upon his father's farm and early became acquainted with the duties and labors which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He attended the German and public schools of Lebanon township and when not busy with his books aided his father until he was eighteen years of age, when he accepted a position as clerk in a general merchandise store conducted by H. R. Moldenhauer & Company in Lebanon. This enterprise was sold in 1908 to J. W. Nass and Mr. Schwefel returned to the homestead, where he remained until his marriage in 1911. In that year he purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres, where he has since resided. Ninety acres are enclosed by barbed wire fence and eighty acres Mr. Schwefel has under the plow. There is natural drainage and water is supplied to all parts of the land from a drilled well. This property Mr. Schwefel has in excellent condition and upon it he does general farming, dairying and stock-raising, making each department of his activities profitable. His fields are planted in hay and in all kinds of grain, the most of which he feeds to his stock, marketing only his barley and rye. He breeds graded Holstein cattle

and blooded hogs and keeps besides eighteen cows for dairy purposes. A good business ability guides and directs his agricultural knowledge and has made him, while still a young man, a prosperous and substantial farmer. He is a stockholder in the Schwefel Cheese Factory, to which he sells the products of his dairy, and is otherwise interested in business growth and expansion.

On October 29, 1911, Mr. Schwefel was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Zwieg, a daughter of Henry and Henrietta (Miller) Zwieg, natives of Lebanon township, in which section they are residing upon a farm. Mrs. Schwefel is the eldest of twelve children and was born in Lebanon township, March 1, 1887. She and her husband belong to the Immanuel German Lutheran church.

Mr. Schwefel votes the democratic ticket and keeps fully informed on the questions and issues of the day. His principal attention, however, is given to farming and in this field he has won a success which is inseparable from able management and persevering work.

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#### TERRENCE R. MALLON.

Terrence R. Mallon, proprietor of the Park Hotel in Juneau, has been operating this enterprise since April 15, 1912. In less than a year he has made it one of the best hotels in the village, accomplishing this result by following fair and honorable business methods. He was born in County Armagh, Ireland, December 19, 1861, a son of John and Mary (McShane) Mallon, natives of that country. As a young man his father was a teamster and farmer, and came to America in 1864, settling in Columbia county, Wisconsin, at Otsego, in 1866. Here he engaged in railroad construction work in which line of activity he continued until 1887 when he retired from active life and made his home with the subject of this review. He died ten years later in the seventy-first year of his age. His wife now resides on a farm near Doylestown, Columbia county, making her home with her son Frank.

After completing his education in the public schools of Doylestown, Terrence R. Mallon worked as a farm hand until he was twenty-three years of age. He laid aside his books when he was nine and has been earning his own livelihood since that time, a fine example in attainments and qualities of a modern self-made man. When he had saved enough money he rented a farm and as a renter carried on general agricultural pursuits for fifteen years and then purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Scott township, Columbia county, upon which he resided for six years, finally exchanging the property for a smaller farm. His health failing he abandoned agriculture and went upon the road as a traveling salesman, handling the famous Wilson remedies throughout Fond du Lac county. After seventeen months he came to Fox Lake, Dodge county, where he resided two and one-half years and then came to Juneau continuing his sale of these medicines until April 15, 1912, when he purchased the Park Hotel, which he has since operated. During the short period of his connection with the management of this enterprise he has made extensive improvements, adding a first-class bar and other important features. It is a modern and up-to-date hostelry, equipped with all the newest accessories for the comfort and

convenience of guests. It is one of the prosperous local enterprises and its proprietor has gained recognition as a business man of ability, whose labors have been important factors in the growth of the village.

In September, 1898, Mr. Mallon was united in marriage to Miss Mary Egan, who was born in Marcella, Columbia county, January 20, 1871, a daughter of William and Mary (Ford) Egan, natives of Ireland. Her father came to America in his early years and settled in Columbia county where for some time he was connected with the local railroad but afterward became a prosperous farmer. He died upon his property in this section in 1881 and his wife is still residing upon the homestead. During his life he held various important local offices, serving his fellow citizens ably and conscientiously and gaining a high place in the respect and esteem of his friends. Mr. and Mrs. Mallon have six children: William John, who was born December 20, 1899; Marion Elizabeth, born December 25, 1902; Luella, whose birth occurred June 24, 1905; Norma, and Irma, twins, whose births occurred January 6, 1910; and Audrey, born July 26, 1912. All of the children reside at home.

Mr. Mallon gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has never sought public office. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church and belongs to the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin. He is interested in the growth and development of the section in which he has resided for so many years and always invests his money in local enterprises, being a stockholder in the Co-operative Creamery Company in Marcella and interested in various other important concerns. He is truly a self-made man, for he has been dependent upon his own resources since he was nine years of age. This early training in initiative and independence is the secret of his success for it has aided him in appreciating and making use of the many opportunities which his ability commands.

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#### HERMAN E. BECHERT.

Herman E. Bechert is a native son of Dodge county, born in the township of Hubbard, August 24, 1859, and has here resided ever since. His father, John Bechert, one of the pioneers of this section, was born in Germany, in the province of Brandenburg, on the 6th of June, 1824, and emigrated to America in 1854, coming direct to Dodge county. He first found employment as a farm hand and was so engaged for two years. By strict economy he saved enough funds to enable him to buy a farm in Hubbard township, which he cleared and cultivated for a number of years. In 1863, however, he removed to the place where the subject of this review now lives and there followed agricultural pursuits successfully until 1886. In 1855, one year after his arrival in this country, he married Miss Amelia Albert.

Herman E. Bechert was reared at home and attended the district school and the German school at Horicon. He assisted his father with the work on the home farm until 1882, becoming well versed in the details of progressive agriculture. He became well acquainted with all the branches of general farming and also gained valuable knowledge in raising live stock. In 1882 he was able to buy a part of his father's farm, which he cultivated independently until 1886,

when he acquired the entire property. He has since followed farming and stock-raising along modern and progressive lines and has made many improvements upon his place, which enhance its value. His labors have not only been of financial benefit to himself but have been important in the general agricultural development of this section. He plants such grains as are most suitable to soil and climate and derives from his labors satisfactory financial returns. He makes a specialty of dairying and sees to it personally that the most sanitary and cleanly conditions exist in this branch of his business. In 1885 he added to his buildings a new barn, thirty-six by seventy feet, and he has improved and remodeled his buildings and installed modern and up-to-date machinery to insure the largest possible returns from his work.

Mr. Bechert was married on Christmas eve of 1884 to Miss Amanda Meissner, a native of the township of Clyman and a daughter of Martin and Louisa (Dieberman) Meissner, who were natives of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Bechert were born six children: Herbert, who was born in 1888, and died in 1892; Hilda, born in 1890, who in 1908 married Arthur Adams; Honora, born 1892, who married in October, 1910, Everett Sette; Hortense, born in December, 1894, who was married September 4, 1912, to Charles Borngroeber; Harta, born in 1896; and John, whose birth occurred in 1898.

The family affiliate with the Evangelical church and they take active interest in the work of this organization and give to it their moral and material support. Mr. Bechert votes the republican ticket in national and state politics and takes a laudable interest in all questions of general importance. He has been prominent in the public life of the community in which he lives and for six years has served as town supervisor. His work in bettering educational facilities has been valuable and for fifteen years he has served in the important position of school treasurer and yet serves in that office. During his lifelong residence in Hubbard township he has made many friends who greatly esteem him for his manly qualities. As a farmer he has been successful and his labors have resulted in adding to the assets of Hubbard township one of its most valuable and prosperous farmers.

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#### JOHN C. ZANDER.

Prominent among the enterprising, energetic and progressive business men of Beaver Dam is John C. Zander, president of the German National Bank. He early recognized the fact that success has its root in the recognition and improvement of opportunity and as the years have gone by he has therefore made good use of his time and talents until he has gained a conspicuous and honorable position in banking circles, while at the same time he is financially interested in various corporations of the city.

He was born in Germany, January 23, 1843, a son of Christian and Mary (Dahl) Zander, who were also of German birth and lineage. The mother died in Germany, after which the father started for the United States with his family in 1855 but died while en route. In the meantime he had remarried,



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and the stepmother continued on the way with the family, numbering four children. The eldest daughter had previously come to America in 1854 and was married in this country to Henry Beneke, who resided on a farm near Watertown, Wisconsin. Thither the Zander family made their way but later took up their abode in Watertown.

John C. Zander was a young lad at the time of the arrival of the family in this state. His early education was acquired in the schools of Watertown and on starting out in life for himself he worked as a farm hand for two years. Not content with the educational opportunities he had thus far received, he later went to school through the winter months. His residence in Beaver Dam covers fifty-four years, dating from 1858. For eleven years he engaged in clerking in a store but all this time was urged on by laudable ambition to save his money and make the most of his opportunities. At length his earnings enabled him to open a store in partnership with a Mr. Sherman under the firm style of Sherman & Zander. They carried a large and well selected line of general merchandise and were together from 1870 until 1884. In the latter year Mr. Zander purchased his partner's interest and remained as sole proprietor until 1896, when he sold out to his son and his son-in-law. Since then he has lived practically retired save for his bank connections. The German National Bank was organized in 1891, its first officers being: Theodor Huth, president; D. Dickenson, vice president; George E. Congdon, cashier; and M. A. Jacobs, assistant cashier. The bank was capitalized for fifty thousand dollars and moved into a building that was erected the year before by a Milwaukee gentleman who planned to start a state bank but never did so. The German National Bank then purchased the building which it has since occupied. It is a two-story structure, with offices on the second floor. On the death of Mr. Huth, in 1902, Mr. Zander succeeded to the presidency. He had been one of the organizers of the bank and one of its directors from the beginning and, always with voice in its management, he was well qualified to assume the duties of the presidency and has been the guiding spirit of the institution since that time. The bank has always followed a conservative policy that has safeguarded the interests of its patrons and at the same time has kept in touch with the most progressive and modern methods of conducting banking institutions. The present officers, in addition to Mr. Zander, are: J. W. Miller, vice president; M. A. Jacobs, cashier; and Alfred G. Miller, assistant cashier. These gentlemen, together with A. G. Hill, D. P. Lamoreux and Herman Koch, constitute the board of directors. The statement of the bank presents a most creditable showing and its policy commends it to the confidence of all.

Something of the success which has attended the institution is indicated in the fact that its capital stock in 1911 was increased to one hundred thousand dollars, in addition to which there is a surplus of twenty-five thousand dollars and undivided profits of about eleven thousand dollars. At the present time the building in which the bank is located is being remodeled, a new floor laid and new bank fixtures installed, while thirty-two feet of space have been added. A new vault has been put in and there is no equipment or accessory of a model bank that is today lacking.

Mr. Zander has always been recognized as a man of resourceful business ability. From the outset of his career he has looked beyond the exigencies

of the moment to the possibilities and opportunities of the future. His sound judgment and enterprise have made his aid a valuable factor in the conduct of important business interests and his cooperation has been largely sought. He is a stockholder of the Malleable Iron Company, a director and stockholder of the Beaver Dam Woolen Mills and was formerly interested in the cotton mill. He is likewise treasurer and director of the Malleable Iron Range Company. His opinions have ever carried weight in local business circles and his enterprise has enabled him to pass far beyond the point of mediocrity and reach a place among the more successful few.

On the 2d of May, 1867, Mr. Zander was married to Miss Minnie Ladwig, of Watertown, Wisconsin, who was born in Germany and is a daughter of Jacob Ladwig, who brought his family to the United States in 1862 and settled at Watertown. Mr. and Mrs. Zander have become the parents of six children, of whom three are living: Agnes, at home; Arthur, a merchant of Beaver Dam; and Olga, the wife of Peter Pfeffer, a merchant of Beaver Dam.

Mr. Zander holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party. For twenty years he has been school commissioner and the cause of education has always been able to count upon him as a champion of its interests. For a year he has served as alderman and for one year he was mayor of Beaver Dam. His interest has ever been that of a public-spirited citizen who deals not in glittering generalities but looks to practical results. Regarded as a citizen and in his social relations, he belongs to that public-spirited, useful and helpful type of men whose ambitions and desires are centered and directed in those channels through which flows the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number.

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#### WILLIAM T. SCHWANTZ.

William T. Schwantz, the present incumbent of the office of register of deeds of Dodge county, is a native of Hubbard township, his birth having occurred there on the 4th of February, 1870. His parents were Frederick and Augusta Schwantz, natives of Germany, who emigrated to the United States about 1862, coming direct to this county. The father subsequently acquired a tract of land in Hubbard township and diligently engaged in its cultivation until his death in 1890. He was survived by the mother, who continued to make her home on the farm until she passed away in 1893. They were Lutherans and belonged to the church at Horicon. The father was drafted into the Union army during the Civil war, but he never saw any active service, having been discharged before he reached the front. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwantz, our subject being the seventh in order of birth.

The boyhood of William T. Schwantz was passed in the uneventful routine characteristic of life in the rural sections. His early education was obtained in the schools of his home district and the German Lutheran parochial school at Horicon, which he attended until confirmed at the age of thirteen years. Soon thereafter he began earning his own living, first as a farm hand but later he went



to work in a stone quarry. There he sustained a serious injury to his hand while blasting rock, which for some time thereafter prevented his following any line of employment. As he was only eighteen when this occurred, he concluded to resume his studies and for three years thereafter he attended the high school at Horicon. At the expiration of that time he taught for a year, thus acquiring the money to enable him to pursue a business course in a commercial college at Milwaukee. Later he became identified with mercantile pursuits and for five and a half years conducted a general mercantile store at Waupun. At the expiration of that time he disposed of his interests there and engaged in the same business at Lowell, Iowa. A well assorted stock offered at reasonable prices, courteous and considerate treatment of patrons, and commendable business methods were the dominant factors in his success and enabled him to build up a large trade. He profitably conducted this enterprise until elected to his present office in 1911, when he exchanged his store for a Dodge county farm, which he still owns. He is also extensively interested in the Lowell Canning Factory.

On the 14th of April, 1898, Mr. Schwantz was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Seegert, who was born in Mayville, this county, on the 9th of June, 1873. She is a daughter of August and Ernestine Seegert, and is the oldest member in a family of six. The father engaged in farming during his early life but he later removed to Horicon where for many years he held the position of night watchman. Both he and the mother were natives of Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwantz are members of the Lutheran church. Politically Mr. Schwantz is a democrat and while residing at Lowell served for seven years as justice of the peace and for one year he was a member of the county board. Mr. Schwantz is honorable in his motives and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, creditably filling any position with which he has been identified. He is highly regarded in the communities where he has resided and is respected by all who have had transactions with him, as he is a man of unflinching integrity.

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#### ADRIAN C. KARSTEN, M. D.

Dr. Adrian C. Karsten is one of the well known medical practitioners of Horicon, where he has been prominent as a physician and surgeon for twenty years. He was born in Forrester, Ogle county, Illinois, on August 16, 1865, and is a son of John H. and Adriaane (v. d. Tak) Karsten, both of whom were born in The Netherlands. The father's birth occurred on the 16th of February, 1833, and his early life was spent in studying theology and medicine. He later was ordained as a minister of the gospel and for fifty years he has been active in promoting religious expansion. His residence in America dates from 1844, in which year he located in Holland, Michigan, where he was an active factor in the furthering of Christianity. He also attended school during that time in order to learn the English language and was graduated from Rutgers College, a theological seminary in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1862. He studied medicine afterward for one year and at the end of that time came to Fond du Lac county, where he took up his duties as a minister and had charge of various parishes. He worked in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, staying in the latter state for four-

teen years, first in Fond du Lac county and afterward in Sheboygan county. He afterward removed to Holland, Michigan, where he took up newspaper work. There he still resides and has retired from the ministry, although he is still active in literary work. His wife is also living. They became the parents of six children: Dr. Adrian C., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, the wife of John Rankins, a retired farmer of Coopersville, Michigan; Conrad, who is engaged in the jewelry business at Grand Rapids, Michigan; Anna, who is in the millinery business at Kalamazoo, Michigan; Carrie, the wife of Herman Lemknil, a rural free delivery mail carrier, at Oostburg, Wisconsin; and Jennie, who resides with her parents in Holland, Michigan, where she is teaching music.

Dr. Karsten was educated in the district schools of Fond du Lac county and attended the high school at Waupun. He entered Hope College in Holland, Michigan, and later attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He received his degree of M. D. from Rush Medical College, Chicago, and at the age of twenty-seven began practicing in Horicon. Since that time he has built up an extensive patronage which is accorded him on account of his expert knowledge of the underlying principles of his profession, upon his dexterity and skill, and upon his progressive and modern methods. Dr. Karsten is one of the substantial and representative physicians of Horicon. He devotes his entire time to his practice which is lucrative and constantly expanding. The territory in which he serves extends beyond the limits of the village and into Dodge county, and the Doctor uses an automobile with which to make his calls and has found this a convenient and rapid way of covering ground. From the very beginning his success has been gratifying, based as it is upon the firm foundation of scientific efficiency. He is now known and welcomed in many families in Horicon and Dodge county not only for his professional ability but for his genial and lovable personal qualities.

Dr. Karsten was married in February, 1887, to Miss Mary M. McCoy, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, January 26, 1865. She is a daughter of Henry B. and Caroline W. (Bentley) McCoy, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of England. Henry McCoy was during his youth a rectifier, but later followed the occupation of fisherman. He met with financial reverses during the Civil war, losing thirty-seven thousand dollars in one day. He and his wife have now passed away. To Dr. and Mrs. Karsten have been born three children: Norma, whose birth occurred on the 5th of September, 1888, and who is the wife of Arthur Flory, chief engineer for the steam turbine department of the Allis-Chalmers Company of Milwaukee, by whom she has one child, Karsten, whose birth occurred in February, 1912; Jean, born June 7, 1894, who is attending Sacred Heart Academy at Madison, Wisconsin; and John, born May 16, 1896, who is a student in the Horicon high school.

In his political affiliations Dr. Karsten is republican, but is not active as an office seeker. He belongs to the American Medical Association and the Wisconsin State and the Dodge County Medical Societies. He also holds membership in an association composed of the Ann Arbor graduates of this section of Wisconsin and is active in the affairs of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Surgeons Association, being the head surgeon of this organization in Horicon. He is prominent in the Masons and holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his practice he is distinguished by enter-

prise, by modernly progressive lines, by a broad knowledge of the many technical and special details regarding medicine and by a humanity and kindness which endear him to those with whom he comes in contact and make of every patient a firm friend.

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#### FREDERICK W. LUECK.

For more than forty years Frederick W. Lueck has been successfully identified with commercial circles in Juneau, and during that time he has been actively connected with municipal affairs. He is one of the citizens Germany has furnished Dodge county, his birth having occurred in Yankendorf Bezirk, Brandenburg, on the 29th of July, 1844. His parents, Ludwig and Rosina (Clingbeil) Lueck, emigrated to the United States with their family in 1852, settling in Lebanon, this county, and there they both passed away.

As he was a lad of only eight years when he came to this country with his parents, Frederick W. Lueck is thoroughly American in his ideas and views as well as in his business methods. His education was begun in the parochial schools of his native land and continued for a time in the district schools of Lebanon. When he was fifteen years of age he went to Milwaukee to learn the shoemakers' trade, and while serving his apprenticeship he attended night school. He was an ambitious youth and used his time to the best possible advantage, both in the workroom and when at leisure, his spare hours being largely devoted to self-improvement. The land of his adoption having become very dear to him, in the early days of the Civil war he responded to the nation's call for troops and on August 15, 1862, he enlisted as a private and went to the front with Company A, Twenty-sixth Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteers. Among the engagements in which he participated were: Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mission Ridge, the entire Atlanta campaign, including the siege of Atlanta and Sherman's march to the sea. Mr. Lueck took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C., following the close of the war. He was mustered out on the 1st of July, 1865. Immediately upon receiving his discharge he returned to Dodge county, settling in Horicon, where he engaged in the shoe business until 1870. In the latter year he came to Juneau and established the store he is now conducting, and during the intervening years has become numbered among the city's foremost business men. He is a man of earnest purpose, honorable methods and unquestionable integrity, and in the conduct of his enterprise has adhered to a policy that has enabled him to win and retain the confidence of the community. He who proves trustworthy in one capacity will invariably prove faithful to every duty confided in him, and Frederick W. Lueck is no exception to this rule as his fellow townsmen have long ago proven to their entire satisfaction. As a business man, citizen and public official he has contributed generously of his time, energy and means in the promotion of the town's development. He is both progressive and enterprising and can be depended upon to champion the adoption of every movement that he feels will advance the community's welfare either financially, educationally, socially or morally.

It was on the 20th of October, 1869, that Mr. Lueck was married to Miss Wilhelmina Schauer of Theresa, and to them have been born the following children: William, who died in infancy; Martin L., now judge of Dodge county; Clara M., who is a court reporter; Robert W., a prominent member of the bar of Watertown, this state; and Arthur W. Mr. Lueck is very proud of his family, all of whom are a credit to their parents and are leading active and useful lives.

In matters of religious faith the family are Protestants and are members of the German Reformed church. In politics he is a democrat, giving his allegiance to the progressive faction of that party. He has been for more than twenty years a member of the city council and helped to draw the city charter, while for thirty years he served on the school board. For sixteen years he was chief of the local fire department and for five he was a member of the board of supervisors. His record as a public official is one any man might well be proud of, as it has been noticeably free from the aspersions usually cast on those who are identified with political affairs. He is a man of strong convictions and fearlessness of purpose, and to the best of his ability fulfils his duty as it appears to him. As a public official he is honored and respected, as a private citizen he is held in deep regard by a large circle of friends and as a business man he is accorded the absolute trust and confidence of all who have had dealings with him. Prosperity has attended Mr. Lueck and in addition to his other interests he has some valuable property holdings in Juneau, including a business block on the south side of the square.

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#### ALBERT H. BUSSEWITZ.

Albert H. Bussewitz has for many years been identified with the political life of Dodge county, where he now holds the office of assessor of incomes. He is a member of one of the pioneer families and was born in Lomira township, on the 2d of May, 1855, his parents being Frederick M. and Caroline (Pade) Bussewitz. They were born in Brandenburg in the vicinity of Berlin, Germany, the father's natal day being the 11th of November, 1818, and that of the mother May 10, 1821. There they were likewise reared and married, emigrating to the United States in 1852. Their destination was Dodge county, and they came direct to Lomira township, where the father acquired land which he cultivated until 1870. He then disposed of this place and removed to Lowell township, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until he died in 1895. The mother passed away in 1892. In his early manhood the father served the usual period in the army required of every able-bodied German subject. He and the mother were devout members of the Lutheran church and reared their children in that faith. Their family numbered twelve, as follows: Frederick, who resides at Merton, Waukesha county, this state; Louise, the widow of Frederick Vergenz, who resides in Juneau; Ferdinand, deceased; Frederica, the wife of August Schmidt, of Lomira township; August, who is a resident of Neillsville, Clark county, this state; Herman, of Turtle Lake, Barron county, Wisconsin; Albert H., our subject; Amelia, the deceased wife of Herman Grabinski, of Miranda, South Dakota; Emma, who became the

wife of Frank Hilliker, of Gas, Allen county, Kansas; Robert, who is a resident of Lowell, this county; and two, who died in infancy.

The early life of Albert H. Bussewitz was passed on the home farm, in the work of which he began to assist soon after commencing his education in the district schools. He was given better advantages than fell to the lot of the average youth living in the country at that period and completed his course of study in the Wayland Academy. Upon the completion of his education he taught school during the winter months for four years and did farm work in the summer, remaining at home until he was married. Subsequently he purchased a portion of the old homestead from his father and engaged in farming for himself. He there continued his agricultural pursuits until 1899, when he came to Juneau and three years later he disposed of his farm and purchased the Rich farm, which is adjacent to the city of Juneau. He resided there until 1909, and in connection with the cultivation of his fields and stock raising operated a stone quarry, located on the place. Four years ago, in 1908, Mr. Bussewitz erected his present residence in Juneau and here he and his family have since made their home. He still owns his farm, which is now being managed by his eldest son and together they are engaged in the breeding and raising of pure-bred Holstein cattle, their herd numbering forty head. He has prospered in his various undertakings, and is financially interested in different local enterprises. He is secretary and treasurer of the Juneau Cheese & Butter Company, and he also owns stock in the Juno Motor Truck Company, the Citizens Bank and the Lowell Canning Company.

On the 27th of November, 1879, Mr. Bussewitz was married to Miss Augusta Schoenwetter, whose birth occurred in Germany, on the 11th of November, 1855. She is a daughter of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Baltzer) Schoenwetter, natives of Brandenburg, Germany, the father having been born on the 1st of December, 1818, and the mother about two years later. In 1856, together with their family they emigrated to the United States, their capital consisting of twenty-five cents upon their arrival in Lowell, this county. The father was an industrious and enterprising man, however, and readily found employment. His diligence united with the thrifty mother's capable management soon enabled them to acquire sufficient means to buy a small tract of land and engage in farming for themselves. He added to his holdings from time to time as his circumstances permitted until he acquired extensive property interests. They both passed away in Lowell, where they were well known and highly respected. In matters of faith they were Lutherans and belonged to the German church of that denomination. The family of Mr and Mrs. Schoenwetter numbered seven, Mrs. Bussewitz being the fourth in order of birth.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bussewitz have been born six children: William, who married Hattie Schwandt and is residing on his father's farm; Irene, the wife of Herbert H. Becker, who is engaged in farming in Clyman township; Orlo, who is residing on a farm south of Juneau owned by his father; Walter, principal of the Wild Rose high school, who married Addie Rupnow; Ada, the wife of Bernard Hilgendorf, a druggist of Martell, this state; and Max, who graduated from the Juneau high school with the class of 1912, and is now a student at the State University.

Ever since granted the right of franchise upon attaining his majority, Mr. Bussewitz has been more or less actively identified with local politics, his support being given to the democratic party. For twenty years he was school clerk in Lowell township, while for four years he served as assessor, and for five he discharged the duties of chairman. In 1899 he was elected county clerk, which office he held for four years, while for ten he has been acting as deputy. He was also deputy supervisor of assessments for a year, and for three he was supervisor of assessments. During the period of his residence in Juneau he has been elected mayor, president of the council, alderman, and member of the commission of public works, and since January, 1912, he has been assessor of incomes. He is a business man of more than average capability and has been officially identified with different local enterprises, among these being the Elba Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was director for two years and treasurer for three. He is a member of the Lutheran church as is also his wife and family. Mr. Bussewitz is a man of good principles and high standards and has not only proven efficient and capable as a public official but has managed to maintain his honor and keep his integrity above question. He is esteemed and respected in his community where he has many friends, the majority of whom have known him from boyhood.

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#### GEORGE W. MORSE.

For more than half a century the name of Morse has been prominently identified with the political history of Dodge county, the family now being ably represented by George W. Morse. His birth occurred in Mayville, this county, on the 19th of December, 1848, his parents being William M. and Margaret (Reynolds) Morse. The father, who was one of twelve children, was born in England in 1827, but in his early youth he came to America, residing for a time in the state of New York. In 1842 he came to Milwaukee and entered the employ of Sol Juneau, but the next year he returned to New York where he held the position of deputy department surveyor until 1846. He subsequently came back to Milwaukee and went to work for Sol Juneau at Theresa, where he was first engaged in surveying, having been appointed district surveyor by Territorial Governor Dodge. In 1847 he was married to Miss Reynolds, who was born in the state of New York about 1830, and they located in Williamstown. After the death of his wife in 1849 he removed to Ashippun township, making his home there until 1868, when he went to Rubicon, where he passed the remainder of his life. Mr. Morse was one of the prominent pioneer settlers of Dodge county, and always took an active interest in promoting its development. He was serving his third term in the state legislature at the time of his death in 1875, having been a member of this body in 1857 and 1866. He was county supervisor and a member of the board of supervisors from the time he located in Theresa until he passed away. He was a man well endowed for pioneering, possessing the judgment, foresight and breadth of view which enabled him to see things in their proper proportions, and the resolution of purpose and determination to remain true to his convic-

tions. His family numbered eight, but our subject was the only child born of his first marriage.

The life of George W. Morse has not been in any way remarkable, save as it has been characterized by a fidelity to duty, sincerity of purpose and an integrity that is not often associated with those in public service. He was reared amid pioneer conditions, and given practically the same educational advantages received by the average youth of that period residing in this section of the west. He became self-supporting at the age of eighteen years, but remained at home until he had attained his majority. His knowledge of surveying was acquired from his father, with whom he worked from early youth until the latter's death. When not following his vocation he worked on farms or followed any other occupation, which enabled him to earn an honest living. During the early days he was engaged at various times in surveying and locating lumber grants in the north, but he has usually followed his profession in this section. He was appointed county surveyor in 1875, and has ever since been identified with local official life. In 1884, he began his duties as clerk of the court, in which capacity he served for six years. Previous to his election as clerk of the court he also served for ten years as a member of the board of supervisors.

On the 7th of July, 1871, Mr. Morse was married to Miss Florence Robinson, a native of the state of New York, who passed away the year following their marriage. In 1881, was celebrated his marriage to Miss Bridget O'Connor, a native of Ireland. Three children were born to them, all of whom are now deceased as is also the mother, whose death occurred in 1890. In 1892, Mr. Morse married Miss Winnie E. Flanagan, who was born in this county in 1862. Her parents, both of whom are deceased, were pioneer settlers of Dodge county, where the father acquired extensive property interests. To Mr. Morse and his present wife have been born the following children: G. Earl, whose birth occurred in 1893; Margaret, whose natal day was in August, 1894; and Raymond, who was born in 1897.

Ever since granted the right of franchise Mr. Morse has given his support to the democratic party, his indorsement being accorded to the progressive faction of that body. Through his long connection with public affairs he has become widely known in the county, where he has many friends by whom he is accorded the esteem and respect invariably paid the man of honorable motives and upright principles.

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#### WALTER G. GRIMMER.

Walter G. Grimmer, in charge of the chemical department of the Beaver Dam Malleable Iron Works, is one of the well known and representative citizens of Beaver Dam. His birth occurred in Kewaunee, Kewaunee county, Wisconsin, on the 5th of December, 1872, his parents being George and Bertha (Lorenz) Grimmer. The father, who was born in 1827, passed away in the year 1907. He came to Kewaunee from New Brunswick in the early '40s and was an active and prominent factor in the upbuilding of that city. He was

engaged in the lumbering business and was likewise connected with railroad interests, serving as vice president of the Green Bay Railroad for a number of years. In financial circles he was known as a director of the State Bank. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and his prominence in its ranks is indicated by the fact that in 1880 he was chosen state senator. To him and his wife were born two children, namely: Walter G., of this review; and Mrs. Laura G. Haney, who is a resident of Kewaunee.

Walter G. Grimmer acquired his early education in the graded and high schools of Kewaunee and subsequently entered the University of Wisconsin, where he pursued special courses in English and chemistry, and where he was graduated in 1893. Going to Duluth, he was there connected with Morris Thomas in the lumber business. In 1897 he went to Prescott, Arizona, and remained in the service of the American Refining & Smelting Company as a chemist until 1905. In that year he removed to Shullsburg, Wisconsin, and was there employed as chemist in the zinc extraction works. Since leaving that place he has been in charge of the chemical department of the Beaver Dam Malleable Iron Works.

On the 15th of October, 1903, Mr. Grimmer was united in marriage to Miss Violet M. Hatz, a daughter of Daniel and Kathrine Hatz, of Prescott, Arizona. Mrs. Grimmer has a sister and brother, Mrs. A. W. Bork and Albert G. Hatz, both of whom are residents of Prescott, Arizona.

At the polls Mr. Grimmer supports the men and measures of the republican party, being convinced that its principles are most conducive to good government. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to the blue lodge, the chapter and the commandery. In matters of citizenship he is loyal and cooperates in many measures that are factors for the general good.

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#### GEORGE MILTON HODGINS.

George Milton Hodgins, who is successfully engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery in Juneau, was born in Lucan, Canada, on the 19th of April, 1866. He is a son of George W. and Fanny (Lynch) Hodgins, also natives of Canada, where the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in June, 1911. The mother is still living and continues to make her home in Canada. Four children were born of their marriage, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth.

The early life of George Milton Hodgins was passed in very much the same manner as that of other farmer lads. At the usual age he began his education in the public schools of Lucan, which he continued to attend until graduated from the high school. In order to acquire a broader knowledge of business methods he later entered a commercial college at London, Ontario, from which he was also graduated, and then began his independent career as a wage earner. A commercial career was not entirely to his liking and he subsequently began his professional studies in the Veterinary college of Toronto, being awarded his degree with the class of 1890. For two years after his graduation he engaged in



practice with a veterinary surgeon at Lucan, but at the expiration of that time he once more turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and took over the management of his father's farm. Two years later he came to Juneau and here he has ever since been engaged in practice. Dr. Hodgins' early experience on the farm and knowledge of stock united with his thorough professional course have well qualified him for his career. During the period of his residence here he has become recognized as a capable practitioner and is meeting with success.

On the 5th of July, 1905, Dr. Hodgins was united in marriage to Miss May Williams, who was born at Dodgeville, Iowa county, this state, and is a daughter of William B. and Mary Williams. The father, who was one of the prominent farmers of Iowa county, is now deceased, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Dodgeville. Two children have been born of this marriage: George Ray, whose birth occurred on the 11th of August, 1909; and Winifred Gwendolyn, whose natal day was May 25, 1911.

Fraternally Dr. Hodgins is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge of Juneau chapter of Horicon and commandery at Beaver Dam, while he maintains relations with his fellow practitioners through the medium of his connection with the Wisconsin State Veterinary Association. He supports the democratic ticket and takes an active interest in local politics. At the present time he is representing his ward in the city council, discharging his duties in this connection with efficiency and to the general satisfaction of the community.

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#### JOHN H. CARROLL.

John H. Carroll, who is the present highway commissioner, was born in Shields township, Dodge county, on the 8th of December, 1865, and is a son of Frederick Patrick and Anna (Morrison) Carroll. The parents were both born in the state of New York, the father's birth having occurred in 1818 and that of the mother in 1832. In 1846, Frederick Carroll came to Wisconsin and engaged in teaming for several years thereafter between Oshkosh and Milwaukee. Later he purchased a tract of government land in Shields township, which he cultivated with very good success until 1868. He then disposed of it and removed to Clyman township, and four years later he became a resident of Lowell township, where he passed away on March 31, 1909. The mother survived him for a year. Our subject is the second in order of birth in a family of eight, the others being as follows: Martin, who died in infancy; James, who is a resident of the state of Washington; Marie, who is teaching in St. Regina's Academy; and Stephen, Terry, Frederick and Michael, who are deceased.

Reared at home, the early education of John H. Carroll was acquired in the common schools of this county. Later he continued his studies in the Northwestern University at Watertown and he also pursued a business course at St. Francis Academy, Milwaukee. When he was eighteen he left home and went west and for two years thereafter engaged in railroading. At the expiration of that time he returned to this county, settling on a farm in Lowell township. He engaged in agricultural pursuits during the summer months while for three

years his winters were devoted to the acquirement of a better education. He taught for one term, but continued to reside on his farm, which he cultivated for several years thereafter and still owns, but he now makes his home in Juneau. He also owns some land in North Dakota and is a stockholder in several of the local cheese factories.

Fraternally Mr. Carroll is affiliated with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political views coincide with those of the democratic party, but in local elections he votes for the man he deems best qualified for the office, irrespective of politics. He has held various local offices and served for four years as chairman of the township, and twelve years as clerk, while at the present time he is highway commissioner. Mr. Carroll is a capable business man, of good principles and reliable methods, and enjoys the respect and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances, many of whom were the comrades of his boyhood days.

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#### ARTHUR W. WILCOX.

Arthur W. Wilcox, vice president of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company, makers of improved grain drills and seeders in Horicon, has made a gradual rise from the position of clerk in the industrial institution, with which he is now connected, to an important and responsible office. He has shown himself equal to his place, having a power of business administration and energy of a constructive and organizing kind. He is numbered among the prominent and enterprising citizens of Horicon and is widely known in industrial and fraternal circles. He was born in Oak Grove township, September 4, 1859, and is a son of Owen B. and Sarah Ann (Potter) Wilcox, the former a native of Connecticut, where his birth occurred September 20, 1824, and the latter of New York state, where she was born on the 16th of October, 1827. The father was a merchant in New York state in the early years of his active life and was successful in that line of activity until he came to Wisconsin in 1855. He settled near Juneau and engaged in farming, in which occupation he continued until the death of his wife which occurred in November, 1900. In that year he gave up active agricultural labor and in the following spring left the farm and took up his residence in Horicon with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bodden, with whom he is still living. He and his wife had four children: Ida May, who married W. D. Reed, a traveling salesman with headquarters in Sioux City, Iowa; Arthur W., the subject of this sketch; Carrie Y., the wife of Frank Bodden, a lumber dealer in Horicon; and Lyman, who died in infancy.

Arthur Wilcox was educated in the Sixth district school of Oak Grove township and later attended the public schools of Horicon. At the age of seventeen he obtained a position as clerk in a general store in Juneau where after seven years of continuous service he entered the employ of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company, one of the largest industrial institutions in Dodge county. Mr. Wilcox's connection with the factory began in November, 1884, when he entered upon his duties as clerk. His rise was rapid and came as a natural result of his ability and efficiency. In 1886 he was elected secretary and con-

tinued in that office until 1911 when he assumed his present position as vice president. During the short time of his activity in this connection Mr. Wilcox has shown himself equal to his responsibilities. He has adhered to his policy of legitimate expansion and has carried out his ideas in a modern and progressive way. He is straightforward and thoroughly upright and his rapid rise in the business world is an evidence of the power of these qualities in insuring success.

On September 26, 1883, Mr. Wilcox was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Van Brunt, the youngest daughter of Daniel C. and Mary (Wright) Van Brunt. She was born in Mayville, August 23, 1861, and died July 27, 1909. She and her husband became the parents of two children: Howard Van Brunt, who was born on October 11, 1886, and who is now assistant cashier in the Horicon State Bank, and Russell Arthur, whose birth occurred on the 26th of October, 1899, and who is attending school.

In his political views Mr. Wilcox is a staunch republican and served his fellow citizens as mayor of Horicon for four years during which time he did able and progressive work and obtained for his community many needed improvements. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and is favorably known in the section in which he lives as a man of upright and straightforward character. Fraternally Mr. Wilcox is a member of the Horicon Blue Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Horicon Chapter, No. 24; Beaver Dam Commandery; the Wisconsin Consistory; and the Mystic Shrine. For twenty-eight years he has given his energies to one firm and his service has been always faithful and valuable. He has risen on account of his genuine worth and his success has had a double effect in promoting his own prosperity and in adding to the progress of a growing industrial institution.

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#### GEORGE ELSER.

Throughout the greater period of his manhood George Elser has been connected with the grocery trade either as an employe or as a merchant in that line of business. Five years ago he established his present store in Beaver Dam and has since successfully conducted the business as senior partner of the firm of Elser & Company. He follows modern methods, holds to high commercial standards and recognizes the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement, putting forth every effort to please his patrons. He was born March 29, 1876, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a son of Christian and Pauline (Schenner) Elser, whose children were five in number, the others being: Fannie, Elizabeth and Chester, all of Oshkosh; and Margaret, the wife of Wallace Herbst, of Antigo. The Elsers come of German ancestry, the paternal grandfather of our subject having been George Elser, who was born in Germany and for a time was a resident of Pennsylvania before he removed westward to Wisconsin. His son, Christian Elser, was born in Pennsylvania and in the pioneer period of Wisconsin worked on his father's farm, aiding in the early agricultural development of the district in which they lived.

George Elser, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the public schools of Oshkosh to the age of thirteen years, and from that period has been dependent entirely upon his own resources. He was first employed in the factories and mills of Oshkosh until twenty-one years of age, since which time he has been connected with the grocery business. For six years he was employed as a clerk in grocery stores in Oshkosh. For four years he was connected with the Newton & Wenz Company and about 1907 embarked in business on his own account on North Spring street. He removed to his present location about 1908 and two years ago admitted Samuel Elser to a partnership in the business, which has since been conducted under the firm style of George Elser & Company. Theirs is a well appointed store, supplied with a large line of staple and fancy groceries, and their success is the merited reward of honorable dealing and courteous and obliging treatment of their patrons.

In 1905 George Elser was married to Miss Ella Fischer, a daughter of J. E. and Minnie (Schultz) Fischer. Mr. and Mrs. Elser have three children, of whom a daughter, Ruth D., died in infancy. The others are: Harold, born in 1907; and Ruby, in 1909. Mr. Elser is prominent in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Odd Fellows lodge, of which he is a past grand; the Equitable Fraternal Union; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is likewise a member of the Revere Club.

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#### EDWARD C. REHFELD.

Edward C. Rehfeld, the present postmaster of Horicon, Wisconsin, and for ten years engaged in the harness business in that city, was born in the district where he now resides, October 26, 1874. He is a son of Charles William and Fredericka (Hochschild) Rehfeld, both natives of Brandenburg, Germany, where the father's birth occurred on August 31, 1836, and the mother's on August 14, 1846. The father during his early life was engaged in the agricultural implement business and also in the insurance line. He came to America in 1856, making his home in Juneau and later at Hustisford, Wisconsin, where he worked in the employ of others until the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company C, Sixteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, as a private but was later promoted to the rank of sergeant of his company. His service extended over a period of three years and eleven months and he was mustered out at the end of that time on account of disability, having been wounded in the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina. After he was discharged he went to Horicon, where he engaged in the sale of agricultural implements until his retirement. He served on the county board for several terms and acted as supervisor. He was justice of the peace in the years immediately following the war of the Rebellion and is known as a public-spirited and representative citizen. He also dealt in real estate for a short time but is now living retired.

Edward C. Rehfeld is the fourth in a family of eight children. He was educated in the public schools of Horicon and his early life was spent in helping his father in the conduct of his business. At the age of twenty-four years he pur-

chased his father's interest in the harness business, in which occupation he was successful. He was appointed postmaster of Horicon in 1909 and one year after that event abandoned the harness-making business. He is now devoting his entire attention to the duties of his office and to the carrying on of his insurance enterprise. He is a member of the firm of Rehfeld & Neitzel of Horicon and is active in the operation of one of the successful insurance concerns in the community. His harness-making business was successful and he abandoned it only in order to give more conscientious service to the government in the able management of the postoffice at Horicon.

On October 27, 1910, Mr. Rehfeld was united in marriage to Miss Alice Herger, who was born in Horicon, November 9, 1875. To their union was born one child, Arleen, whose natal day was July 9, 1912. Mr. Rehfeld is a consistent republican and is interested in the affairs of his native section although he never seeks public office. He is treasurer of the local fire department and secretary of the Advancement Association. He belongs to the Masonic order, holding membership in Horicon Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M., of which he is the present master, and in Chapter No. 24, R. A. M. His life has not been conspicuous in any way but its activities have always been straightforward and honorable, his interest in the affairs of his community intelligent and his public spirit broad and effective. These qualities as elements in his character have made him successful according to the truest standards and have gained him recognition as a native son, who is a credit to his community.

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#### HARRY MARSH.

Harry Marsh is secretary of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company, having advanced to this position from that of stenographer in nineteen years. His services during that time have been valuable and loyal for he has worked always in the interests of the company with which he is identified and has made his own advantage subservient to that of his employers. He is a native son of Horicon and was born August 19, 1871. His parents were Harry Butler and Emeline Frances (Eggleston) Marsh, natives of New York state. His father was born on April 21, 1822, and in his early life was a blacksmith. He came to Wisconsin in the early days of its settlement and located at Horicon in 1846. Here he established a mercantile business and operated it in conjunction with a mill. He also conducted a livery enterprise, served as postmaster and for some years was president of the village. He was a representative and prominent citizen and continued his residence in Horicon until his death, which occurred on the 18th of April, 1899. He had survived his wife by a number of years, her death having occurred on March 18, 1887. They were the parents of nine children, six of whom are living: Frank Eggleston, who is a shoe manufacturer in Milwaukee; William, who is a train despatcher on the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, with headquarters in Thayer, Missouri; Louis, who is identified with the Northwestern Insurance Company of Milwaukee; May, who also resides in Milwaukee; Harry, the subject of this sketch; and Carrie, who is a stenographer in La Crosse.

Harry Marsh attended the public schools of his native city and began business life for himself when he was twenty-two years of age. At that time he became connected with the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company as stenographer and since that time has been continuously identified with the concern. After one year in his original position he was made shipping clerk and for two years fulfilled the duties of this office ably and well. He was promoted to the position of collection clerk and later had full charge of the collection department. After several years of capable service he was again promoted, acting as sales manager until 1912, when he was appointed secretary, which office he now holds. His business standards are high and his integrity unquestioned and he adds to these qualifications untiring industry, a shrewd, discriminating and judicious mind and a comprehensive grasp of modern industrial conditions. These have made him successful as a factor in the growth of one of the largest manufacturing enterprises in Dodge county and have been forces in his individual success while at the same time they have influenced the broader growth of the establishment with which he is connected.

On October 2, 1900, Mr. Marsh was united in marriage to Miss Lucie Derge, who was born near Rolling Prairie, on February 8, 1874, and is a daughter of Herman and Marie Derge. The father was a millwright by trade and later became a farmer in Beaver Dam township. He died in 1900 and is survived by his wife, who makes her home in Horicon. In their family were seven children, of whom the wife of our subject is the youngest. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are the parents of two children: Melbourne Derge, born February 4, 1907; and Janet Dorothea, born May 24, 1909.

In his political views Mr. Marsh is consistently republican and has served as a member of the Horicon city council and has also done active work on the fire and police board. He is prominent in fraternal circles, holding membership in the Masonic order, in which organization he belongs to the chapter and commandery. He is an adherent of the Presbyterian church. As secretary of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company he occupies a leading place in industrial circles. He is a type of the modern business man who has risen by his own efforts. He is still in the prime of life, the nineteen years of his past prosperity being only an indication of greater success to come.

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#### HENRY B. SHERMAN.

Henry B. Sherman, who died in Burnett, Wisconsin, on July 14, 1894, was one of the most successful hotel men in this section of the United States, conducting various enterprises of this kind in Wisconsin, Indiana, and Minnesota. He had acquired a wide and varied experience in his line of business, which requires so much tact, judgment and circumspection, was thoroughly practical and progressive, and scrupulously honest in his business relations, building upon these foundations a distinct success. He was also well known as an expert stock-raiser and farmer in Wisconsin, where he owned Spring Brook farm, one of the most beautiful and model agricultural properties in the state. He had a wide acquaintance in various parts of Wisconsin where he had resided since

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1857, and his death was the occasion of widespread and genuine sorrow. He was born in Massachusetts, on April 6, 1830, and upon his father's side is of English origin. His mother was of Holland ancestry.

Henry B. Sherman was the youngest in a family of four children. He was educated in the public schools of his native state and upon the death of his father, which occurred when he was eight years of age, he went to live with his sister, whose husband was prominent in the hotel business. At the age of eighteen Mr. Sherman began his business career as a hotel clerk and after some time spent in this occupation in various places was employed in the Winthrop Hotel of Boston for two years. During the summer season he clerked in various resorts in the White Mountains and spent three years in a hotel at Gorham and the Crawford House, White Mountain Notch, New Hampshire. He was an able and efficient employe and his advancement was rapid and well deserved. In 1857 he was requested by Mr. Merrill and Mrs. George Hartwall, officials of the St. Paul railroad to go west to Wisconsin and open a railroad restaurant and hotel at Burnett Junction, on what was then the Prairie du Chien Railroad. He accepted their offer and for seven years ran an enterprise of this kind. On February 3, 1868, he removed to Toledo, where he established a junction hotel in the railroad station. This he managed until 1874 when he purchased the Plankinton House in Milwaukee. He remained in the latter city for three years, meeting with his usual success in the conduct of his enterprise.

While a resident of Toledo Mr. Sherman had purchased an eighty acre farm in that vicinity and had operated it in conjunction with his hotel business. He left it in charge of a manager during the three years he conducted the Plankinton House in Milwaukee but at the end of that time removed to his property which he called Spring Brook farm and engaged in agriculture. The place is famous today as one of the most beautiful farms in the state. It has sanitary and modern buildings, attractively grouped. Mr. Sherman was well known as a large importer of high-grade stock and was the owner of the first Percheron horse ever brought to Wisconsin. He raised Shorthorn cattle, sheep and Berkshire hogs, all pure-blooded stock and attended every agricultural fair held in Milwaukee for many years, exhibiting sometimes as many as fourteen carloads of thoroughbred stock. Mr. Sherman built modern barns, granaries, and outbuildings upon his property. He beautified it by planting shade trees, and kept swans and ducks upon the numerous fish ponds. After disposing of his interests in Milwaukee he retired to his farm and there remained until January 1, 1880, when he removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, and opened the handsome new Dennison Hotel, which he conducted until November 16, 1885. He sold out on that date, in order to go to Minneapolis where he purchased the Nicolette and was identified with its management for three years. In July, 1888, he removed to Ashland, Wisconsin, where he ran the Chewanmagon Hotel for two years, abandoning this enterprise at the end of that time in order to retire to Spring Brook farm.

In 1854 Mr. Sherman was united in marriage to Miss Martha H. Ladd, a daughter of Jonathan Ladd of Haverhill, New Hampshire. She is a graduate of the Haverhill Academy and remained at home until her marriage. She is now living in Beaver Dam, where she has resided since 1898.



In his political views Mr. Sherman was independent and although not aspiring to public office, was intelligently interested in the growth and development of his section. He did not affiliate with any religious organization but molded his life along high standards of upright living and thinking. He died on July 14, 1894, in Burnett, Wisconsin, leaving many friends to mourn his loss. The funeral took place under the auspices of the Masons. His life work was constantly constructive and marked a distinct advance in methods of modern hotel keeping. His influence was felt in his line of activity in many localities and was a factor in growth, because it was always progressive. He gained recognition as an able business man, whose integrity and sincerity of purpose influenced his career.

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#### AUGUST CHARLES WILLIAM LUEDTKE.

August Charles William Luedtke, proprietor of a drug establishment at Horicon, has built up a profitable business and enjoys an extensive trade in this connection. His birth occurred on a farm near Iron Ridge, Dodge county, on the 8th of October, 1881, his parents being John and Anna (Stolle) Luedtke. The father was born in Germany on the 1st of December, 1854, while the mother's birth occurred near Iron Ridge, this county, on the 27th of June, 1863. When about three years of age John Luedtke was brought to the United States by his parents, the family home being established in Milwaukee. Subsequently he took up his abode near Iron Ridge, in Herman township, this county, there purchased land and began farming. He yet makes his home here and general agricultural pursuits still claim his attention. Both Mr. and Mrs. John Luedtke are numbered among the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community.

A. C. W. Luedtke obtained his early education in the district schools of Herman township and later attended the high school at Horicon. When twenty years of age he left the parental roof and entered upon an apprenticeship in a drug store at Horicon, thus serving for five years. During that period he pursued a short course in pharmacy at the Milwaukee Medical college. He next spent one year in relief work and then embarked in business on his own account, purchasing a drug store at Markesan, which he conducted for two and a half years. On the expiration of that period he removed his stock to his present location in Horicon, also purchasing the stock in the establishment he bought. He carries a complete line of drugs and druggists' sundries, stationery, etc., and enjoys an enviable patronage. Mr. Luedtke is a stockholder in the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Company and devotes his entire attention to the interests of his business, which is steadily growing.

It was on the 8th of October, 1908, that Mr. Luedtke was united in marriage to Miss Emma Fenske, who was born near Markesan, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, on the 10th of March, 1890, her parents being Gustav and Mary (Fratzke) Fenske. Her father is a retired agriculturist residing at Markesan. Our subject and his wife have one child, Franklin Gustav, whose natal day was October 19, 1909.

Politically Mr. Luedtke is an independent republican but his aspirations have never been in the line of office holding. His fraternal relations are with the Masons at Horicon and also the Woodmen. He has already won a creditable position in business circles for one of his years and well deserves recognition among the successful and representative citizens of his native county.

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#### ALPHEUS F. RYDER.

Alpheus F. Ryder is one of the substantial and enterprising business men of Juneau, where for nineteen years he has been engaged in buying and shipping live stock, in connection with which he is managing the Juneau Cheese & Butter Company, and is interested in promoting other local industries. A native of Dodge county, his birth occurred at Hustisford on the 24th of July, 1861, his parents being Francis and Mary (Van Blaricom) Ryder. The father, who was born in the state of New York in August, 1823, always engaged in farming. He was an orphan boy and was taken from the poor house by the superintendent at about eight years of age and reared with his own family. When old enough to work himself he, with George Baker, an uncle of our subject, came to Wisconsin. He came to this county in 1846 and acquired a tract of government land at Hustisford, in the cultivation of which he diligently engaged during the remainder of his life. He passed away on his farm on the 19th of May, 1885. The mother, whose birth occurred on the 19th of April, 1833, was a native of Canada. To them were born eight children in the following order: Alpheus, who died in infancy; Abbie, the widow of Charles Fletcher, of Waupun; Horatio, who is farming in Hustisford; Melissa, the wife of Arthur Salisbury, a lumber and coal dealer of Rosendale, Fond du Lac county; Alpheus F., our subject; Hadley, who is residing on the old homestead in Hustisford township; Mary, the wife of William Jones, of Juneau; and Frank, deceased.

Alpheus F. Ryder was reared on the farm where he was born, acquiring his education in the schools of Hustisford. In common with other farmer lads his energies were early directed along agricultural lines, and long before he had attained his maturity he was thoroughly familiar with the practical methods of tilling the fields and caring for the crops. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age, and then started out for himself. In 1886, he purchased two hundred acres of land in Oak Grove township, a mile east of Juneau and adjoining the county farm. He could only make a very small payment on the place, burdening it with a heavy mortgage, but as he was a capable agriculturist and a good manager the encumbrance was rapidly decreased and he soon held a clear title to his land. He assiduously applied himself to the further improvement and cultivation of this property for six and a half years. At the expiration of that time he removed to Juneau, and here, since 1893, he has been engaged in buying and shipping live stock, his principal market being Chicago. He has prospered in this venture and is one of the foremost men in this line of business in the town. He still owns and operates his farm and is also manager and salesman of the Juneau Butter &

Cheese Company, meeting with creditable success in both occupations. Soon after removing to town, Mr. Ryder bought some lots in one of the choice resident sections, which he has since improved by the erection of one of the most attractive houses in the community.

On the 20th of April, 1886, Mr. Ryder was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Jones, who was born in Hustisford township, on the 23d of October, 1865. She is a daughter of Seneca B. and Eliza (Baker) Jones, well known pioneers of this county. The father was born in the state of New York, August 20, 1838, and the mother is a native of Cornwall, England, her birth occurring on the 11th of January, 1843. For many years Mr. Jones was engaged in agricultural pursuits, but he is now devoting his attention almost entirely to stock-raising, and is one of the most extensive breeders of Holstein cattle in the state. He is one of the substantial and progressive citizens of Hustisford township, and is interested in several of its thriving local enterprises. He is a director in the Hustisford State Bank, and is also a stockholder in the Hustisford Township Telephone Company, and the General Merchandise Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryder affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church, and his political support is accorded the republican party. He is public-spirited and has been a constructive factor in the town's development, not only through his capable and efficient manner of directing his business, but by actively co-operating in the promotion of its various progressive movements. He has worked zealously to promote the formation of the company organized to put through the Milwaukee Western Electric Railway, running from Juneau to the former city, and is now a director of the company. Mr. Ryder has always worked hard, applying himself closely to his business, in the development of which he has used much foresight and clear judgment, and such success as has come to him is well deserved and highly merited.

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#### ARTHUR W. LUECK.

Arthur W. Lueck, a member of the bar of Beaver Dam, who for five years has engaged in practice, brought to the outset of his professional career thorough preparatory training in the University of Wisconsin, and is now accorded a clientage that many an older practitioner might well envy. Mr. Lueck is yet a young man, his birth having occurred in Juneau on the 19th of July, 1885. His father, F. W. Lueck, was born in Germany and many years ago came to Dodge county. He is a shoemaker by trade and is an industrious, reliable man. For forty years he has lived in Juneau, where he is widely and favorably known. His services as a brave and loyal defender of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war entitle him to his country's gratitude and led to his becoming a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party. In this county he married Miss Wilhelmina Schauer, and unto them were born four sons and a daughter, namely: William, who died in infancy; Martin L., who is now circuit judge upon the bench at Juneau; Clara M., at home; Robert W., who is practicing law at Watertown, Wisconsin; and Arthur W.

The last named pursued his early education in the schools of his native city while spending his youthful days under the parental roof. Attracted to a professional career, he determined to make the practice of law his life work and with that end in view entered the university at Madison, being graduated from the law department with the class of 1907. On the 26th of June of the same year he came to Beaver Dam and opened an office. Here he has since remained and has made steady progress in his profession, never failing to give his cases thorough preparation, while in their presentation before court and jury he is forceful, logical and convincing. He has been associated in practice with Congressman M. E. Burke, but it is individual effort and ability that win success at the bar and through his own well developed powers Mr. Lueck has gained his present creditable position as a lawyer.

On the 20th of August, 1908, Mr. Lueck was married to Miss Wanda Krueger, of Watertown, Wisconsin, and they have one son, William O. Mr. Lueck votes with the democratic party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but does not seek nor desire office. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Woodmen of the World, and in those associations finds pleasant companionship. His friends, however, are by no means limited to the membership of those orders for he is well known in this part of the state and wherever known is held in high esteem.

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#### J. I. MARQUART.

J. I. Marquart is a well known and successful representative of business interests in Beaver Dam as the president and treasurer of the Beaver Dam Bottling Company, which he established in 1904. His birth occurred in 1877, his parents being John and Fredericka Marquart, both natives of Germany. The father made his way to Wisconsin in 1840, settling in Green Lake county, where he followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active life. For the past two decades he has lived in honorable retirement. Mr. and Mrs. John Marquart were married in 1859 and reared the following children: Ella, Emma, August, Henry, William, John, J. I., Sarah and Alice.

J. I. Marquart attended the public schools of Green Lake county until seventeen years of age and then turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, being engaged in farming until 1898. The next six years were spent at Markesan, Green Lake county, and in 1904 he established the firm of Marquart & Matthews, which three years later was incorporated for fifteen thousand dollars, under the name of the Beaver Dam Bottling Company. Its officers are as follows: J. I. Marquart, president and treasurer; and Edward L. Arndt, secretary and vice president. They have built up and now conduct an extensive business as general bottlers and manufacturers of soft drinks, sodas, etc. The present building of the concern, which is fully equipped with all modern machinery, was erected in 1909, is two stories high and covers fifty by thirty-two feet. As the head of the company Mr. Marquart has displayed high executive ability and sound judgment and has won a place among the leading and representative business men of his community.

In 1907 Mr. Marquart was united in marriage to Miss Belle Ridings, a daughter of Joseph Ridings, of Beaver Dam. In politics he is a republican. Mr. Marquart's fraternal associations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Eagles. He has ever believed that integrity and straightforward dealing go hand in hand with success and his own life record is a verification of this belief.

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#### JAMES E. MALONE.

James E. Malone, a member of the Beaver Dam bar and not unknown in democratic circles in this state, has through continuously broadening experience and study become qualified for the more important work of the practitioner and has been connected with considerable notable litigation of this state. Beaver Dam is his native city and the day of his birth was November 7, 1853. His parents, John and Mary (McCabe) Malone, were natives of Ireland and for a time lived in Franklin county, New York, but came to Beaver Dam in 1851. The father, a native of County Clare, Ireland, was sixteen years of age when, about 1844, in company with his mother, two brothers and seven sisters, he arrived in the United States, landing at Quebec, whence he made his way to Franklin county, New York, where he remained until a year after his marriage. Following his removal westward to Dodge county he worked at Highland Prairie for a year and then embarked in business on his own account as proprietor of a grocery store at Beaver Dam, but his stock was destroyed in the great fire which occurred in this city. He afterward established a brick yard which he conducted until 1872, and then turned his attention to farming, which he followed for a few years. He afterward conducted an auction store in Beaver Dam but later lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1903. His widow survived him for about three years, passing away in 1906. He was ever a man of genial spirit, doing many good deeds not only to those who were bound to him by family ties but to others as well. He served in several official positions in Beaver Dam, including that of street commissioner and deputy sheriff. The religious faith of himself and family was that of the Catholic church. While a resident of the Empire state he was married to Mary McCabe, a daughter of James McCabe, of County Cavan, Ireland, who brought his family to the United States about 1837 and settled in Franklin county, New York. It was in March, 1850, that his daughter gave her hand in marriage in New York state, to John Malone, and they became the parents of eleven children: Ellen, now deceased; James E.; Anna Marie, the wife of Patrick Austin, of Michigan; John J., who has also passed away; Patrick Henry, of Beaver Dam; Catherine, the wife of Henry McCaffery, also of Beaver Dam; George, of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Rose, the wife of John Gorman, of Beaver Dam; W. D., a Catholic priest of Kenosha; Michael A., who is living in Missoula, Montana; and Mary, the wife of John Bassfield, of Minnesota.

In the schools of his native city James E. Malone pursued his early education and afterward attended St. Francis seminary at Milwaukee, later continuing his studies in Wayland (Beaver Dam) Academy. Desiring to make the prac-

tice of law his life work he began reading in the office and under the direction of Judge Edward Elwell, of this city, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1877. He then opened an office in Beaver Dam, but after practicing for a year was elected clerk of the circuit court and removed to Juneau, on the 1st of January, 1879. He filled that position most acceptably for six years and later was elected district attorney, serving in that capacity for two years. He was then appointed registrar of the land office at Perry, Oklahoma, in which position he served in 1893-94. He afterward practiced law in Juneau until 1911, when he returned to Beaver Dam, where he is now following his profession, being accorded a clientage that at once establishes his reputation as a leading and able lawyer. Aside from the office which he has held in the strict path of his profession he has done other important public service. Governor Peck appointed him as a commissioner to divide the counties of Ashland and Iron and on many important questions he has been consulted by prominent party leaders. His position is furthermore indicated by the fact that he was made a delegate to the democratic national conventions of 1892, 1896 and 1900.

On the 1st of June, 1881, Mr. Malone was married to Miss Mary Burke, of Watertown, Wisconsin, a daughter of Jeremiah and Bridget Burke, who were natives of Limerick, Ireland, and came to the United States in early life. Mr. and Mrs. Malone have a family of six children: Mary Patricia, who is in the office of her father; Rachel Isabell, a teacher in Milwaukee; James F., who was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in June, 1911, and is now practicing law with his father; Madeline A., who is attending school in Chicago; Donald, also in school; and Genevieve, at home. Mr. Malone and his family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church and he holds membership with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Knights and the Catholic Foresters. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias. His memory goes back to the period when there were many Indians in this part of the state and when great stretches of forest stood in their primeval strength. He has lived to witness almost the entire growth and development of this region and his influence and aid have always been given on the side of progress and improvement. At the same time his official and professional duties have been in no wise neglected, his devotion to both having become proverbial.

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#### OTTO F. ILLING.

Otto F. Illing has for twenty-three years been a resident of Juneau, where until recently he has been engaged in the manufacture of cigars. His birth occurred at Jefferson, Wisconsin, on the 10th of June, 1863, and he is a son of Charles and Lenora (Seidler) Illing. The parents were both born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1841, the mother's natal day being October 28. When a child of five years, Charles Illing came to America with his parents, who first settled in Buffalo, New York. From there they went to Milwaukee, this state, and later they located in Jefferson, where he subsequently learned the tinner's trade, was married and has ever since made his home. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Illing, the son Otto F., is the eldest. Their only daughter, Ida, the

widow of Enos Seitz, is residing in Jefferson, while Frank, the youngest member of the family, is deceased. The father was actively engaged in business for many years, thus accumulating sufficient means to enable him to spend his latter years in retirement.

The education of Otto F. Illing was acquired in the public schools of his native city. Upon the completion of his course of study he learned the tinner's trade from his father, remaining at home until he had attained his majority. He followed his trade in Jefferson for two years and then engaged in the manufacture of cigars in the same place. In 1889, he came to Juneau and established a cigar factory, which he operated until April, 1912, when he became identified with other activities.

At Jefferson, this state, on the 22d of February, 1887, Mr. Illing was married to Miss Anna Spangler, whose birth there occurred on the 10th of March, 1865. She is a daughter of Michael and Anna (Hummel) Spangler, natives of Bavaria, Germany. The father was a farmer. Mrs. Illing, who is the eighth in order of birth in a family of nine, has but a vague recollection of her parents, both of whom passed away during her early childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Illing have one daughter, Ida Eva, who is living at home. She was born in Juneau.

Although he is not affiliated with any religious denomination, Mr. Illing attends the Roman Catholic church. Politically he supports the democratic party and is now serving his second term as city clerk. He is now deputy clerk of the court and he was city assessor for one term, creditably discharging the duties of both offices.

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#### CARL FIREHAMMER.

Carl Firehammer was until recently the owner and active manager of a large lumberyard and planing mill in Horicon, Wisconsin, and was also active in the building and contracting business, a natural evolution of his first small carpentering enterprise. In 1912 he disposed of his business to his son William and retired from active labors, although the business is still conducted under the firm name of C. Firehammer & Sons, as it has been for over twenty years. He is in all essential respects a self-made man and the earnest and straightforward structure of his life reflects credit upon the builder. He was born in Dabercow, in the province of Pommern, Germany, on May 23, 1841, and is a son of John and Lottie (Schultz) Firehammer, both of whom were born in that section, the father in 1810 and the mother in 1821. John Firehammer was a blacksmith by trade and left his native country in 1854 coming to Dodge county, Wisconsin, on January 1, 1855. He located on a farm in Herman township which was at that time partly improved. He built a shop upon his land and engaged for several years in general farming and blacksmithing. At the end of that time he sold his holdings and moved to Fond du Lac county where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death which occurred when he was fifty-nine years old. Before he left his native country he had completed his term of service in the German army. His wife passed away in Fond du Lac county when she was eighty-five years old.

Carl Firehammer received his education in the public schools of Germany and came to America with his parents when he was thirteen years of age. He aided his father in the work of the farm and was, until he was eighteen, engaged in sawmilling when he could. He worked his way up in this occupation until he was the head sawyer in a mill in Herman township where he remained for three seasons. He then removed to the vicinity of Wausau where he operated a mill of the same character and also engaged in millwright work. In 1868 he established his residence in Horicon and has since been a resident of that city. He began carpentering first working by the day and for a number of years was active in this branch of labor. He saved his money and was able at length to build a shop where he carried on general carpenter and repair work and eventually branched out into the building of new structures. He sometimes employed at this time from three to four men and his enterprise grew and expanded rapidly. During the winters he worked for the Van Brunt Company in their plant. He continued adding to the various departments of his business and pursued a constant policy of conservative expansion. In connection with carpenter work he operated a small circular saw table, which was then the most modern thing of the kind. In 1890 he installed a twenty horse-power steam engine which he used for operating his machinery for planing and sawing until 1907. In that year his business had grown so materially that he was justified in erecting a modern plant for the housing of his machinery and lumber. In the same year, however, the structure was destroyed by fire and he suffered a considerable loss. He, however, immediately rebuilt and the plant is now the only modern and thoroughly equipped enterprise of its kind in Horicon. It occupies a space of four city lots and is an example of modern business architecture. Mr. Firehammer carried an extensive stock of lumber and equipments and dealt also in coal, wood and cement. Besides this he added to his activities a contracting and building department which formed an important source of his income. He is not only an expert in the mechanical and technical details of the business but is a shrewd business man with a comprehensive grasp of modern conditions and of the economic phases which influence them. His ability along this line is coupled with an honesty that is unquestioned and a sincerity of purpose which is beyond all doubt and these qualities were the foundation of his success. In 1912 Mr. Firehammer disposed of his business to his son William, and lives now retired from active business cares.

On December 2, 1867, Mr. Firehammer was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Franke, a native of Altruetnitz, in the province of Brandenburg, Germany, where her birth occurred on April 4, 1848. She is a daughter of Louis and Louisa (Lange) Franke, who came to America about 1855, settling in Dodge county just south of Hustisford on a farm. The father devoted the principal part of his life to agricultural pursuits, but during the last years lived retired in Horicon. He died, however, in Warren, Illinois, where he had gone to make his home with his oldest son. His wife passed away some years previously. To Mr. and Mrs. Firehammer have been born nine children: Edward, who is a carpenter and builder in Horicon; William, who purchased his father's business; Helena, the wife of Ernest Marquardt, who is identified with the business established by our subject; George, who is carrying on a general merchandise business in Bridgeman, Michigan; Herman, who died at the age of fourteen



years; Carl, who met his death by drowning in his thirteenth year; Tillie, who lives at home; Arthur, who is a clerk in his father's office in Horicon; and Paul, who is a member of the United States navy holding a position as electrician.

In his political views Mr. Firehammer is consistently republican and served for five years with great ability as member of the Horicon village board and later of the city council in which he did four years' service. He has built up within the community a modern, prosperous and important enterprise, which is a valuable private and public asset, although he holds his success secondary to the principles and straightforward methods by which it has been attained.

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#### EMIL W. SIMON.

Emil W. Simon is a master machinist and has done expert technical work along this line. He is now general superintendent of the Van Brunt Company in their machine works at Horicon and in this broader field of activity has displayed business sagacity and a power of organization and control. He was born in Zahden, province of Brandenburg, Germany, August 4, 1872, and is a son of William and Louisa (Hochschildt) Simon. His father was in his early years a stone mason and he followed that occupation in Germany until the spring of 1873, at which time he came to America and located in Horicon. He continued at his chosen occupation in the summer and during the winter season worked at the Van Brunt factory. He continued to be active in both these lines until his retirement. He is still residing in Horicon, his wife having passed away in 1898.

Emil Simon is the sixth in a family of seven children born to his parents. He was educated in the Horicon public schools and has been a resident of that village from his early childhood. By the time he was eighteen years of age he had practically learned the machinist's trade and obtained employment in the plant of the Van Brunt Company. He has been in the service of this firm continuously since that time with the exception of thirteen months which time he spent as an employe of the Allis-Chalmers Company in Milwaukee, in 1897. Mr. Simon is a man who gets results. His promotion has been rapid but is well deserved and based on merit. He was in 1898 advanced to the position of foreman over the machine department and after seven years of conspicuously able work in this capacity was placed in charge of the entire factory and is now general superintendent. His faculty for materializing his ambitions has redounded not only in his own prosperity but to the advantage of the company which employs him. He has an expert knowledge of the details of the occupation with which he is connected and a power in managing men. He has gained success during the years which he has been superintendent and his prosperity is the natural result of his efficiency.

On November 24, 1897, Mr. Simon was united in marriage to Miss Katharine Frie, who was born in Cambria, Columbia county, March 9, 1875. She is a daughter of Ferdinand and Augusta (Laper) Frie, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1855. Their marriage occurred in this country and the father followed his occupation of shoemaker for some years at Ripon, Wisconsin, and

later at Kingston, removing from that city to Cambria. He later farmed in Columbia county and after some time removed to Fairwater where he and his wife are now residing. To Mr. and Mrs. Simon have been born four children: Merlin William, born April 30, 1899; Esther Henrietta, whose birth occurred on the 5th of April, 1902; Florence Margaret, born August 28, 1905; and Harold, whose birth occurred on the 7th of April, 1912.

In his political affiliations Mr. Simon is republican and has served as a member of the city council for four years and as deputy sheriff for two years. He is prominent in the Masonic order and active in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen of America, of which organization he is at the present time, clerk. He has proved his ability by handling affairs with which he is entrusted and has stood excellently the hard test of responsibility. He works conscientiously and sincerely in the promotion of his employers' interests, making them one with his own.

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#### JOSEPH EDGAR SAWYER.

J. Edgar Sawyer is one of the oldest native sons of Dodge county, Wisconsin, and was born on January 13, 1848, in the first log house ever built on Rolling Prairie, in what is now Burnett township, section 32. He is a son of Lewis and Sarah (Sandborn) Sawyer, the former of whom was born in Orford, New Hampshire, January 23, 1819, of English stock, settling in Massachusetts in 1836, and the latter at Barnston, Canada, in 1821, her parents being natives of New England. The father in early life engaged in teaching and was also prominent as an agriculturist. He came west in 1841 and located at Watertown, where he worked at various occupations for a few months. He made the journey by stage to Albany and thence by canal and lake to Milwaukee. From Watertown he came to Hyland Prairie after a short period in the employ of Dennison & Cole. He received a salary of ten dollars per month, while his fellow laborers received eight dollars. He remained at Hyland Prairie with M. B. Hall, with whom he later took up a claim on the southwestern part of Burnett township. He afterward sold this property but in 1842 purchased land on section 32 and moved upon his holdings. He built the log cabin in which the subject of this review was born and began the active cultivation of his farm. He was successful in general agricultural pursuits and was well known as a prosperous stock-raiser. He was in many ways a truly remarkable man. He was identified with the growth and upbuilding of Dodge county and was the first coroner of that section, holding this office in 1846. He conducted the first inquest ever held in Dodge county and served as justice of the peace for the Winnebago precinct in the same year. He was assessor several times and held many other responsible public offices. In 1865 he joined the Methodist Episcopal church but before this time had had no religious connections. He became a Mason in 1858, and was subsequently made a Royal Arch Mason, and all during his life kept up his interest in that organization. He was well educated for his times and a broad and intelligent reader. Impatient of shams and deceptions he was very strong in his convictions of right and wrong. His wife died April 5, 1854, leaving two chil-

dren : Francis L., who went to California in 1893 on account of failing health and who died at Westmoreland in that state, December 27, 1910; and Joseph Edgar, the subject of this sketch. In December, 1854, the father of our subject was again married. His second wife was Miss Hannah Wilson and to this union was born one child, who passed away at the age of two years. The second Mrs. Sawyer died in Horicon in 1906, at the home of J. Edgar Sawyer.

J. Edgar Sawyer was educated in the public schools of Wisconsin and remained at home until his marriage. At that time he built a house upon a portion of his father's farm, which then comprised four hundred acres. He purchased eighty acres of land and continued to reside upon it until 1887. He had met with an unfortunate accident in the previous year, having fallen from a hayfork and dislocated his spine. He was obliged to change his occupation and in 1887 went to Hartford in order to join his cousin, Judge Sawyer, in the law business. He was one of the prominent practitioners in Hartford until the spring of 1890, when he moved his office to Horicon and followed his profession here for one year. Legal success requires an acute mind, a systematic and accurate knowledge and a fearlessness of conviction. All of these qualities Mr. Sawyer possesses in an unusual degree and upon them he has founded his prosperity. He was a strong and able practitioner and during the years of his connection with the law gained well deserved prominence. In 1891 he abandoned his practice in order to engage in the newspaper business, in which he continued until 1897. Since that time he has served as justice of the peace and here his legal knowledge and the quality of his mind have won him rapid and continued prominence. During his term of service there have been numbers of cases appealed but in none has the verdict been reversed.

On February 17, 1870, Mr. Sawyer was united in marriage to Miss Marie E. Warner, who was born at Hazel Green, Wisconsin, May 4, 1850, and who is a daughter of Theodore and Elizabeth (Langley) Warner. The father was a native of New York state, having been born near the Pennsylvania line, and during his early years he was a school teacher. He later took up the trade of carpentering and after establishing his residence in Horicon was given a position as foreman in a sash and blind factory. His death occurred in Dodge county. His wife was a native of Indiana and died at Horicon in 1893. To Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer have been born two children, Ethelda Marie, who was born on January 4, 1871, and who is the wife of Frederique P. Bird, of Horicon, a traveling salesman in the employ of a large manufacturing plant at Erie, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bird became the mother of five children, Frederick Edgar, Sawyer Wylie, Bessie Marie, Gilbert and Ethelda Putnam, all of whom live at home. The other child born to Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer is Lewis Edgar, whose birth occurred on the 11th of December, 1875, and who is a resident of Muskegon, Michigan, where he is a draftsman and artist.

In his politics Mr. Sawyer is a democrat and has served as coroner of Dodge county and has been notary public for twenty-four years. He served for twenty-one years with ability and efficiency as city clerk and is now in the nineteenth year of his activity as justice of the peace. He is also deputy county surveyor and his political life is marked by the same energy, activity and broad-mindedness which have distinguished his business and legal career. He is a prominent Mason, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and council. In his identifi-

cation with this organization he is keeping up the traditions of his family, all the representatives of which have belonged to the Masonic order. Mr. Sawyer is among the most estimable and prominent of the older generation in Horicon. He is interested in the growth of his city and county and his energy and upright standards cause him to be regarded in Horicon as one of its most representative citizens, whose energies are always directed along constructively progressive lines, and who in public life has constantly followed standards of high conscientiousness and ideals of personal service.

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#### WILLIAM FALKINHAM.

William Falkinham who died in Horicon, February 14, 1910, was a native son of Dodge county and for many years one of the most substantial and enterprising agriculturists in this section of the state. He gave the best and most forceful years of his life to promoting agricultural development in the county in which he was born, and was a loyal and public-spirited citizen whose personal prosperity was only an element in his broader attainment as a force in progress. He was born at Burnett Junction, October 4, 1855, a son of Richard A. and Sophronia (Jewett) Falkinham, the former a native of Boston, Massachusetts, born October 10, 1813, and the latter born in New Hampshire, July 7 of the same year. The father followed the trade of cabinet-maker until 1840, when he came to Wisconsin, settling on a farm in Burnett Junction, where for sixteen years he cultivated the soil, meeting with a gratifying measure of success by reason of energy and well directed enterprise. In 1900 he retired and moved to Minnesota Junction for a few years and then returned to the farm where he died May 3, 1909. He had long survived his wife, who passed away November 18, 1856.

William Falkinham was the youngest of a family of seven children. He received his primary education in the public schools of Stone's Corners and completed his studies at the Horicon high school. When he was fifteen years of age he laid aside his books and began working upon neighboring farms, following this line of occupation until he went to the lumber camps in the northern woods. He married when he was twenty-one years of age and immediately afterward returned to Dodge county where he worked upon a farm belonging to his father. He lived and worked on this place for eight years. At the expiration of that period he went to Ingels, Michigan, and there became superintendent in a mill yard. For twelve years he held this position and then at his father's request came back to the farm, receiving a deed to one hundred acres of the property, and from that time until his retirement gave his best energies to its development and improvement. That he was successful is evidenced by the attractive condition to which he brought the farm and by the substantial income which he derived from its operation. On September 1, 1909, he disposed of his property and bought a comfortable residence and three city lots in Horicon, where he resided until his death.

Mr. Falkinham married October 9, 1876, Miss Loreta Corey, who was born in Hubbard township, June 17, 1857. She is a daughter of Hiram and Char-

lotte (Mace) Corey, the former born in Rutland, Vermont, September 20, 1833, and the latter in Sparta, New York, January 9, 1838. Their marriage occurred in Hubbard township in 1856, the father having come west when he was a young man. For many years before and after his marriage he was a charcoal burner but later engaged in farming and threshing, following both occupations until his retirement in 1911. He had invested extensively in Michigan land, owning two hundred acres of fine farming property in that state but never became a land owner in Dodge county. Since he abandoned active life he has resided in Stevenson township, Menominee county, Michigan. He was an honored veteran of the Civil war, having served for three years in Company D, Twenty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He was present at many of the important engagements during the hostilities and was wounded in the hip but was never taken prisoner. With the exception of his three years' service he followed general farming during practically all his active life and became known as one of the individual factors in the agricultural growth of Dodge county. His wife died March 3, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Falkinham had four children. Marion A., who was born July 22, 1878, married Miss Nellie Keys, of Burnett Junction, and is employed as tester and repair man for the Van Brunt Company. Alfred L., who was born June 19, 1880, married Miss Anna Wolfgram, and is engaged in farming on the farm formerly owned by his grandfather. Eva C. S., whose birth occurred April 30, 1882, is the widow of William Sutherland, of Burnett Junction, by whom she had one child, Melody, born September 27, 1906. Mr. Sutherland was engaged in farming until his death which occurred July 11, 1909. Mrs. Sutherland is residing with her mother. May, the youngest member of the family, was born June 7, 1885, and resides with her mother.

Mr. Falkinham gave his allegiance to the republican party but never sought political office. He was well known in the affairs of the Woodmen of America and was a prominent member of the Knights of the Maccabees, becoming identified with that organization while a resident of Michigan. He was regarded as one of the most deservedly prosperous farmers in this section of Wisconsin and his death deprived Dodge county of a native son whose industry and ability had made him successful in business and highly respected among his fellow citizens.

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#### H. J. S. ANDERSON, D. V. S.

Dr. H. J. S. Anderson, successfully engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery at Beaver Dam, was born in London, England, November 2, 1874, a son of David W. and Annie (Snelgrove) Anderson and a brother of C. J. Anderson of the British navy, who is an artificer and engineer.

H. J. S. Anderson pursued his education in his native country, attending St. Margaret's school. For a year he was out of school but afterward spent another year at the Archbishop Tennyson school, after which he made his initial step in the business world, serving a four years' apprenticeship to an English veterinarian. He afterward took up the study of veterinary surgery in Edinburgh, Scotland, and there remained in active practice until he came to

America in 1896. He began practice in this country as assistant to Dr. C. C. Taylor of Milwaukee, remaining with him until September, when he removed to the west. He followed various occupations in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado but afterward again came to the east and located at Fox Lake, Wisconsin, where he remained for about a year. He then opened an office in Beaver Dam and entered into partnership with the late Dr. J. L. Scott. At length he bought out his partner's interest and has continued alone in practice, receiving a liberal share of the public support.

In October, 1904, Dr. Anderson was married to Miss M. R. Lander, a granddaughter of the late Judge H. W. Lander of Beaver Dam and a sister of Florence W. Lander, now the wife of Amos G. Baker. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Anderson has been born a daughter, J. Anderson, whose birth occurred January 29, 1906, and who is now in school. The parents are well known socially in Beaver Dam, where they have made many friends during the period of their residence here, while the Doctor has become well established professionally, being accorded a liberal and well merited patronage.

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#### JOHN C. HEALY.

The legal profession in Beaver Dam finds a worthy representative in John C. Healy, who since admitted to practice has made constant progress at the bar, his knowledge of the law and the correct application thereof being evidenced in his successful conduct of his cases. Beaver Dam numbers him among her native sons. His parents, John and Jane (Cassidy) Healy, natives of Ireland, came to Beaver Dam in 1856 and were married here in 1865. The father followed the occupation of farming and continued a resident of Dodge county until his death in 1903. He is still survived by his widow who is a communicant of St. Patrick's Catholic church, of which Mr. Healy was also a member. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he aided in guiding the affairs of his city as a member of the council for two terms. Unto him and his wife were born four children, of whom John C. is the eldest. The second, James T. Healy, born in Beaver Dam, is a graduate of the high school and also of the State University at Madison with the class of 1896. For eight years he engaged successfully in teaching as principal of the Milton Junction high school and in 1904, having pursued a thorough course of law, was admitted to the bar. Since that time or for a period of eight years he has successfully engaged in the practice of law in Beaver Dam. He carefully and systematically prepares his cases and presents his evidence in a clear, logical manner, applying considerably the principles of law. He has served also as school commissioner. Rosa, the third member of the family, died at the age of fifteen years. Michael, the youngest, is still living in Beaver Dam.

John C. Healy attended the high school of this city and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1892, with the degree of LL. B. He too, successfully taught for a period, being for eight years connected with the Pionono College of Milwaukee as a teacher in the department of science. After reading law he was admitted to the bar in 1898 and in 1900 began practice in Beaver

Dam, where he has since remained, being associated with his brother James T., since 1904. His work in this connection has been successful and he is justly accounted one of the leading lawyers of his native city. The cause of education has found in him a warm friend and for two years, from 1902 until 1904, he served as superintendent of schools. He is city attorney at the present time, having filled the position continuously since 1908. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Columbus. He is justly accounted one of the representative residents of Beaver Dam and has a circle of warm friends in this city, being most highly esteemed where best known.

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FRANK F. PLASIL.

The Spring Brook stock farm, comprising two hundred and thirty acres of well improved land, is located on sections 6, 2 and 11, Shields township, and in its equipment fully meets every requirement for a model agricultural enterprise. Its owner, Frank F. Plasil, is known throughout Dodge county as an exceptionally able farmer and stock-raiser, progressive in his methods and exacting in his standards, and he has won a distinct and substantial success, which places him in the front rank of prosperous agriculturists. A native of Dodge county and a son of one of its most prominent pioneers, Mr. Plasil was born in Shields township, on his present farm, December 4, 1868. His father, Joseph Plasil, was a native of Bohemia and grew to manhood in that country. After he had attained his majority he was attracted by the opportunities which America offered and crossed the Atlantic to Maryland, settling in that state in 1861. In Bohemia Mr. Plasil had learned the carpenter's trade and had worked at it for some time, but he abandoned it in Maryland to engage in teaming, acting in the service of the Federal government during the Civil war. In 1863 he pushed westward to Wisconsin and settled in Watertown, where he worked at his trade and at anything else which would bring him an income. By economy and hard work he saved out of his earnings enough money to purchase forty acres of land, which forms a part of the present homestead. He located upon this property and cleared the timber from a small portion, upon which he built a log cabin, in which he resided while carrying forward the work of development. As his financial resources grew and his harvests increased he bought more land, adding to his holdings from time to time until he owned two hundred and ten acres. Upon this property he erected a fine modern house to replace his original cabin, built barns, granaries and silos and in every way possible added to the excellent condition of the farm. A large portion of it he planted in fruit trees and upon the remainder carried on general agricultural pursuits, gaining added prosperity and success with every year. He passed away when he was seventy-three years of age, and his death was widely regretted in the section to which he came as a pioneer and where his sterling qualities of mind and character had endeared him to a large circle of friends. His wife survives him and makes her home with her son, the subject of this review. She has reached the age of seventy-six.

Frank F. Plasil is one of a family of two children. His elder brother, Joseph J., is a successful and prominent farmer in Dodge county. Mr. Plasil





of this review was reared upon the family homestead and from an early age was identified with the arduous labor of clearing timber and grubbing up stumps. He received his primary education in the public schools of his district and supplemented this by a course in the Watertown high school. After his father's death he succeeded to a portion of the home farm, which included the family residence, and he purchased more land and steadily carried forward the work of improvement and development. Nothing in the way of modern equipment is lacking upon the property and the excellent improvements which Mr. Plasil has made are all of a substantial and lasting kind. His residence is one of the finest in Dodge county and fitted with all modern conveniences and accessories. It is heated by hot water, has hot and cold water in the bathroom and other parts of the house, and the light is furnished by gasoline. All the other buildings upon the property are of the same modern and substantial kind. Upon this property Mr. Plasil does general farming, specializing in the raising of high-grade Holstein cattle. In addition to this he has for some years been engaged in the dairy business, his dairy products commanding a ready sale and a high price on the market. He was one of the promoters and is the president of the Liberty Cheese & Butter Association and has other important business interests.

Mr. Plasil married, in St. Henry's church in Watertown, in October, 1905, Miss Alice Rhobsky, who was born and educated in Shields township. She is a daughter of Wenzel Rhobsky, who resides in Watertown. Mr. and Mrs. Plasil have four children, Francis, Alta, William and Joseph. The family are devout adherents of the Roman Catholic church and regular attendants at St. Joseph's church in Richwood.

Mr. Plasil gives his allegiance to the democratic party and is a staunch supporter of the principles and policies for which the party stands, although his public spirit never takes the form of office seeking. He has won a creditable position in farming circles of Dodge county. His steady work, his well tried integrity and his progressive business methods have won their natural reward and he is respected and esteemed wherever he is known.

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#### THEODORE P. HEMMY.

A worthy representative of the banking interests of Juneau is Theodore P. Hemmy, one of the founders of the Citizens Bank, in which institution he has held the office of cashier ever since its organization. His birth occurred in Watertown, this state, on the 20th of April, 1862, his parents being Christian and Georgiana (Schnekenburger) Hemmy. He is of German extraction in both lines as the names suggest, the father having been born in Switzerland, his natal day being in January, 1840, and the mother in Germany, in April, 1836. In his youth Christian Hemmy learned the trade of harness making, which vocation he followed for about fifteen years. During the childhood of his son he removed with his family to Beaver Dam, this county, and there he subsequently became identified with political activities. In 1874, he was elected register of deeds of Dodge county, and as he was an efficient and capable official was twice honored

with reelection. Upon the expiration of his term he returned to Beaver Dam, where he served as city clerk until his death in 1886. He was long survived by the mother, who passed away in April, 1909. They were both members of the Roman Catholic church.

The education of Theodore P. Hemmy was begun in the Catholic parochial school in St. Peter's parish, Beaver Dam, and completed in St. Francis' normal school. At the age of eighteen years he was taken into his father's office as deputy register of deeds, and upon the expiration of the latter's period of service he was retained in the same capacity, discharging the duties of this position for twelve years. At the expiration of that period he identified himself with the real-estate and abstract interests of the city, but severed his connection with this business two years later in order to assume the duties of his present position. His wide acquaintance in the community and his thorough knowledge of the property interests as well as his familiarity with local business conditions generally well qualified him for the responsibilities of this office. A pleasing personality and genial nature have been the means of winning him a large circle of friends, and to this fact as well as his recognized business integrity and ability can be attributed much of the bank's success. It is one of the conservative and well established financial institutions of the county, with a capital stock and surplus of forty thousand dollars. In addition to his duties in this connection, Mr. Hemmy is also secretary and treasurer of the Dodge County Title & Abstract Company. He is likewise president of the Standard Cigar Company and is extensively interested in the Oak Point Farms, which is devoted to the breeding and raising of high-grade registered Holstein-Friesian cattle.

On the 28th of October, 1886, Mr. Hemmy was married to Miss Bessie Rich, whose birth occurred in Juneau on the 6th of September, 1865. She is a daughter of Joel and Helen M. (Hart) Rich, well known pioneer settlers of this city. The father was a native of New York, his birth having occurred in Tompkins county, in 1824, and the mother was born at Albany, New York, her natal year being 1839. In 1842 when eighteen years of age, Joel Rich came to Dodge county and bought land from the government, a part of which is now inside the city limits of Juneau. He then returned to New York for two years, taking up his permanent residence at Juneau in 1844. He was instrumental in having the court house located at Juneau. Politically he was a democrat. He built the first house in Juneau and the first dam at Horicon. During the Civil war he was elected state senator. In 1873 he was appointed by Governor Taylor director of the state prison at Waupun and later received the appointment of deputy warden, filling that position for several years. Joel Rich was identified with the farming interests of Dodge county during practically all of his life here, but during a part of this time was also engaged in the lumber and contracting business. At the time of his death, which occurred in Juneau in July, 1906, he was living retired. He is survived by the mother, who continues to make her home in Juneau. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hemmy, Arthur R., whose natal day was March 24, 1890. He resides at home and is directing his business career along the same lines as his father, being bookkeeper of the Citizens Bank, auditor of the Home Investment Company and also secretary and treasurer of the Oak Point Farms.

Mr. Hemmy is a member of the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America and he also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. In matters of religious

faith he is a Roman Catholic. His political views conform to the principles of the democratic party, on which ticket he has thrice been elected mayor of the city, discharging the duties of his office with the general efficiency which characterizes anything he undertakes. Mr. Hemmy is a man of sufficient versatility and mental grasp to retain the essential details of a variety of business interests and successfully direct their development, as is evidenced by the thriving condition of the enterprises with which he is identified. He earnestly applies himself to anything he undertakes, with the firm resolution of making it a success, and as a result he creditably acquits himself in every capacity, and has acquired the reputation of being one of the substantial and capable business men of the community.

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#### FRANK BODDEN.

Frank Bodden is prominent and well known in the lumber business at Horicon, being secretary and treasurer of an important enterprise of this kind. He was born in Theresa, October 18, 1871, a son of Jacob and Gertrude (Schiefer) Bodden, natives of Cologne, Germany. They came to Dodge county in 1849 and in this section their marriage occurred. The father later took up government land in the northwest corner of Washington county and after clearing a part of his claim found that his farm was a part of another tract and abandoning his property, he went to Theresa where he cleared another farm and thereon resided until his death in February, 1889. He was well known in political circles of that district and for two terms served in the state legislature. He was also county treasurer and sheriff and chairman of the board of supervisors for several terms, discharging his public duties ably and conscientiously. His wife is residing with her daughter in Oshkosh.

Frank Bodden is the eighth in a family of thirteen children. He attended the first public schools in Juneau and later went to the district and parochial schools at Theresa, completing his education by a course in the Spencerian Business College at Milwaukee. He remained at home until the fall of 1889 when he went to Milwaukee and in that city obtained employment with the Ruedeberg & Bodden Company, manufacturers of vinegar and compressed yeast. From 1890 until 1895 he retained this position and then on July 24 of the latter year, established himself in the lumber business at Horicon in partnership with his brother John. This association continued until the fall of 1906 when another brother, Henry, was taken into the business and the enterprise incorporated with Mr. Bodden as secretary and treasurer. The business has gradually expanded under his management and is now operating not only the home office but also a branch business at Burnett Junction. Mr. Bodden is well known in local commercial circles as a man of ability in the handling of important affairs and has made the enterprise of which he is the head, prosperous and rapidly expanding. He is interested in the growth and welfare of the section in which he has resided for many years and is active in important local enterprises, prominent among which is the Horicon Telephone Company of which he is president. He also holds the same office in the Wisconsin Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

On February 12, 1902, Mr. Bodden was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Wilcox, who was born in Oak Grove township. Mr. Bodden is a member of the Roman Catholic and Mrs. Bodden of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Bodden gives his allegiance to the democratic party and for six years did able work as clerk of the school board. He was a member of the board of aldermen for some time and for four years held the position of supervisor. He has always been well known in local political circles and although the offices which he held came to him entirely unsolicited, he proved himself in his discharge of their duties an able and conscientious public servant.

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### JOHN FREEMAN.

John Freeman was born in Milwaukee, October 19, 1848, and died in Horicon May 20, 1892. Thirty-five years of his life were spent in the latter city to which he came as a child and during his active years he was employed by the Van Brunt & Davis Company, one of the largest local industrial institutions. His interests, therefore, were closely identified with those of the city in which he resided and when he died his many friends in Horicon mourned a public-spirited and loyal citizen. His parents, John and Catharine (Crine) Freeman, were natives of County Sligo, Ireland, and were married in the land of Erin. The father was a tailor by trade and when he came to Milwaukee about 1846, he followed that occupation for some time. Later he went to Racine county and then came to Horicon, settling in this city in 1857. John Freeman, Sr., died in Horicon in 1902, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1869.

John Freeman was the oldest in a family of six children. He came to Horicon with his parents when he was nine years of age and consequently most of his education was received in the public schools of the village. When he left high school at the age of sixteen he learned the iron-moulder's trade and when he had mastered the details of this occupation, entered the employ of the Van Brunt & Davis Company. In 1873 he was made foreman of the foundry, holding that position until 1890, when he was obliged to retire on account of failing health.

On November 10, 1874, Mr. Freeman was married to Miss Susan Cody, who was born in Horicon, January 19, 1854, a daughter of Edward and Susanna (MacParland) Cody, the former a native of the city of Cork, Ireland, born in 1823, and the latter of County Armagh, Ireland, born July 13, 1828. They came to America at different times and were married in New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1846. The father engaged in the mercantile business in Seneca, New York, until 1853, when he came with his family to Horicon, where he bought government land just south of the city, and upon this property spent the remainder of his life. He died of typhoid fever in St. Mary's Hospital, Milwaukee, in 1861, while he was a member of the Federal army, and his wife resided upon the homestead until her death in 1904. To Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were born five children. John Martin was born in Horicon, where he is employed as a machinist in the Van Brunt Company and is also a director of the Horicon City band. He married Miss Marie Helser, of St. Paul, Minnesota. Alice M. is a

kindergarten teacher in the Horicon schools. She received her education in the Horicon high school and in the Milwaukee State Normal. Charles E. is engaged as a machinist in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. James P., who is employed as an accountant in Janesville, married Miss Marian Glass, of Green Bay. Robert, the youngest member of the family, is engaged as an express messenger at Milwaukee.

Mr. Freeman was a devout adherent of the Roman Catholic church and active in the affairs of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin. He was a charter member of the branch of that organization which was founded at Juneau and was later a charter member of the Horicon branch. He was a consistent democrat and served with ability and efficiency as a member of the village board, bringing to his official life the same energy and industry which made his business career successful. His death cut him off in the prime of his career when he was only forty-four years of age, yet he had won a reputation as an honest, straightforward and enterprising citizen, and he valued this as his greatest asset. He was one of those reliable, upright, and honorable men who lead quiet and useful lives and constitute the best portion of any community.

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#### CORNELIUS G. SCHWALBACH, M. D.

Prominent among the members of the Juneau medical fraternity is Dr. Cornelius G. Schwalbach, who has been engaged in practice here for the past fifteen years. His birth occurred in Merton, Waukesha county, this state, on the 11th of February, 1874, his parents being George and Theresa (Stuesser) Schwalbach. They were married in Washington county, Wisconsin, where the father was likewise born and reared. He was of German extraction, as was also the mother, and early devoted himself to mercantile pursuits, which he followed during the remainder of his active life.

Upon the completion of his preliminary education, having resolved to become a physician, Dr. Schwalbach matriculated in the medical department of the Marquette University of this state. He was awarded the degree of M. D. on the 31st of March, 1897, and immediately thereafter came to Juneau and established an office. During the period of his residence here he has had ample opportunity to prove his efficiency both as a general practitioner and surgeon, and has been successful in building up a profitable practice. Constant study and the knowledge to be gathered from a large and varied professional experience have enabled him to make marked progress and he is now numbered among the representative physicians of the town. He is one of the fortunate individuals who in the choice of a life vocation happily alighted upon one for which he was by nature well adapted, possessing the pleasing personality, sympathy, keen mentality and resourcefulness so essential to this profession. Dr. Schwalbach is a man of more than average capability, force and enterprise, and is now contemplating the erection of a large sanitarium, which will be conducted along entirely original lines, and in accordance with ideas of treatment evolved through his personal experience and observation. Unlike the majority of the members of his profession, he is a keen man of business and is interested in various local enterprises.

At Rubicon, Dodge county, Wisconsin, on the 24th of October, 1899, Dr. Schwalbach was married to Miss Amalia La Buwi, the youngest daughter of John and Johanna La Buwi. The father has for many years been identified with the mercantile interests of Rubicon, where he still engages in business. One daughter, Olivia, has been born to Dr. and Mrs. Schwalbach.

The family are all members of the Roman Catholic church, and fraternally Dr. Schwalbach is affiliated with the Woodmen of the World, Modern Woodmen of America, Catholic Knights and Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a democrat and staunchly indorses the principles and candidates of that party. Despite the exactions of his large private practice he has served for ten years as city physician, while for four he acted in the same capacity for the county. Dr. Schwalbach owns a very attractive residence on Oak street and is one of the permanent citizens of the town who takes an active and helpful interest in promoting the development of the community. He is progressive yet practical in his ideas and is always ready to give his support and cooperation to every movement which he feels will advance the welfare of the majority and elevate the moral, social or intellectual status.

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#### H. F. KRUEGER.

H. F. Krueger is prominent in commercial circles of Horicon and is recognized there as a business man who, by honorable and straightforward dealings, universal courtesy, and intelligence, has founded a successful and important enterprise. Mr. Krueger was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, March 26, 1857, and is a son of Henry and Eva (Nigg) Krueger, the former a native of Mecklenburg, Germany, and the latter of Switzerland. The father was a baker by trade and followed this occupation in his native country until 1850, when he crossed the Atlantic locating in Watertown, where he operated a stage line between that city and Milwaukee and between Fond du Lac and Oshkosh. He continued in this occupation for about ten years but abandoned it in 1860 in order to take up the moving business. He received contracts from the railroads around Watertown for moving elevators and was active in this occupation until 1881 when he retired. He always made his home in Watertown where he lived until his death which occurred in 1892. His wife passed away in 1880. To their union were born four children: H. F., the subject of this review; Henry, who is conducting a general merchandise and sporting goods store in Minneapolis; Augusta, the widow of Charles DeSoth, who was president of a system of banks at Albert Lea, Minnesota; and George, who passed away at the age of twelve years.

H. F. Krueger was educated in the public schools of Watertown and at the age of fourteen began his career. He entered a large general store in Beaver Dam, where he clerked for ten years and gained a knowledge of modern business conditions and methods of operation. In 1881 he came to Horicon where he established himself in the general merchandise business and has maintained a continuous residence there since that time. During the thirty-one years of his activity he has built up a flourishing and successful enterprise conducted

along modern and progressive lines. He has that claim to prominence in business circles of Horicon which lies in the able and intelligent management of a successful establishment and by making his enterprise in detail well ordered and systematic has made the whole an asset in his community.

On October 22, 1896, Mr. Krueger was united in marriage to Miss Matilda E. Georgii, who was born in Rantoul, Wisconsin, on February 23, 1872, and who is a daughter of Rev. E. C. Georgii. To their union was born one child, Richard E., whose birth occurred on the 8th of June, 1903.

Mr. Krueger gives his allegiance to the republican party and for twelve years was treasurer of the school board of Horicon, although he never seeks public office. He is prominent as a Mason, holding membership in the Wisconsin Consistory and the Mystic Shrine in Milwaukee, and also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His store is one of the largest of its kind in Horicon and has a complete line of groceries and general merchandise. He devotes his entire time and attention to making his enterprise more flourishing and prosperous and by intelligent and able promotion of his own prosperity has been a factor in the general development of the community.

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#### J. D. HILLIER.

J. D. Hillier, a well known dealer in monuments, is engaged in business at Beaver Dam as proprietor of a marble-cutting establishment. His birth occurred at Fox Lake, Dodge county, on the 2d of March, 1858, his parents being Isaac and Elizabeth (Stunton) Hillier. The father, whose natal day was January 9, 1821, came to Wisconsin in 1845 and assisted in building the prison at Wau-pun. He still conducts a grocery store at Fox Lake and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of that place. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, while his religious faith is that of the Catholic church. To him and his wife were born the following children: Mrs. Mary O'Connell, deceased; Lizzie, the wife of John Connor, of Chicago; J. D., of this review; Sam I., living at Fox Lake; William J., who is a resident of Bellingham, Washington; and Rosetta, of Fox Lake.

J. D. Hillier attended the public schools of Fox Lake until fifteen years of age and then learned the marble business, with which he has been identified to the present time. He remained at Fox Lake until 1882 and in 1910 took over the business of Turner, Miller & Blumenthal at Beaver Dam, where he has since conducted an independent establishment as a marble cutter and dealer in monuments. His efforts in this connection have been rewarded with success and the patronage accorded him is a tribute to his skill and ability in his chosen field of endeavor.

In 1881 Mr. Hillier was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Casey, a daughter of William and Rebecca Casey, of Fox Lake. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Hillier are as follows: Honora, whose demise occurred in New York; Ellen, living in Beaver Dam; Dan; Rebecca, who makes her home at Cottage Grove, Oregon; and John, who died in infancy. Our subject and his wife have two chil-

Jren: Minnie, who was born in 1882 and is the wife of C. A. Boothroyd; and Ira W., whose birth occurred in 1884.

The democratic party finds in Mr. Hillier a stalwart advocate and on its ticket he was elected alderman on three different occasions. He belongs to the Fraternal Insurance Union. A genial and kindly disposition has won him many friends in the county where his entire life has been spent, and he has the regard and esteem of all with whom his business or social relations have brought him into contact.

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#### EPHRAIM BROWN NORTON.

Ephraim Brown Norton came to this county almost two-thirds of a century ago and experienced all the vicissitudes of pioneer life in establishing a home and developing a farm. However, as the years passed he prospered, devoting his attention to the pursuits of general farming and dairying with excellent results. He is the owner of Evergreen Farm on section 25, Williamstown township, but is now living retired, spending the evening of life in well earned ease. His birth occurred near Warren, Ohio, in Bloomfield township, Trumbull county, on the 14th of July, 1826, his parents being George and Barbara (Baughman) Norton, both of whom were natives of Shenandoah county, Virginia. The father was born on the 31st of October, 1791, while the mother's natal day was July 10, 1795. Jacob Norton, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Alsace, France, and came to America prior to the Revolutionary war, fighting under Washington during that conflict. Prior to the outbreak of the War of 1812 he removed to Trumbull county, Ohio, in company with his son, George Norton, who fought in an Ohio regiment in the second war with England. Jacob Norton passed away in Trumbull county about 1833. In that year George Norton, the father of Ephraim B. Norton, removed to Bartholomew county, Indiana, and there maintained his residence until 1848, when he came to Wisconsin, here passing away on March 25, 1866. His wife was called to her final rest in the following year, on April 5, 1867. Unto them were born twelve children, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: George, Jr., whose demise occurred at Eugene, Oregon; Ephraim Brown, of this review; Clarissa, who died at the age of eighteen years; Sylvester, who is a resident of Elmore, Minnesota; William W., who passed away at Oakesdale, Washington; and Joel B., who was killed as a soldier at Spanish Fort, Alabama.

Ephraim B. Norton obtained his education in the public schools and was reared to manhood on his father's farm. In 1848, when twenty-two years of age, he came to this county with his father and started out as an agriculturist on his own account. His brother had located here the previous year and had purchased government land for himself and other members of the family. E. B. Norton first took up his abode on section 36, Williamstown township, but about 1851 removed to section 25, where he has remained continuously since. He experienced all the hardships and privations of pioneer life and his first home was a log house of his own construction. In 1864 this was replaced by a colonial brick house, which he has since kept in excellent repair. It is surrounded





MR. AND MRS. E. B. NORTON

by fine evergreen trees, and the place is known as Evergreen Farm. Throughout his active career Mr. Norton was busily engaged in farming and dairying, but he is now living retired and leaves the care of his property to his son.

In 1850 Mr. Norton was united in marriage to Miss Anna Elizabeth Schmidt, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, on the 6th of November, 1829, her parents being George and Anna E. (Thraum) Schmidt. Her father, likewise a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, emigrated to the United States about 1848, and settled on section 18, Hubbard township, Dodge county, Wisconsin. He died there the same year and his wife passed away a week later. They had three children, of whom Mrs. Norton was the youngest. Unto our subject and his wife were born four children, as follows: Albert, who died in infancy; Adaline, the wife of Julius Lehman, of Theresa township; Clara, at home; and George, who wedded Miss Caroline Hirth and resides on the home farm. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 9th of October, 1908.

Politically Mr. Norton is a staunch republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He has served in the capacity of school clerk and township assessor and has also acted as township supervisor for several terms. In religious faith he is a Universalist but attends the services of different churches. He has now passed the eighty-sixth milestone on life's journey and can look back with pride upon an active, honorable and useful career.

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#### JUDGE CHRISTIAN ANDREW CHRISTIANSEN.

Christian Andrew Christiansen, a practitioner at the Dodge county bar whose ability is evidenced in the fact that his fellow townsmen called him to serve upon the county bench and whose success is further manifest in the liberal and distinctively representative clientage accorded him, is a native of Denmark, having been born in Schleswig-Holstein, that section of the Danish kingdom which now belongs to Germany. His natal town was Flensburg and the date January 15, 1848. His parents were John Casper and Antonia Christiansen, who provided their son with liberal educational privileges. He pursued his studies in the schools of his native city and after attending both the Flensburg and Odense Colleges, entered the University of Copenhagen in 1866. There he pursued a six years' course and was graduated in 1872. Three years later he was admitted to the bar in that city and practiced his profession there continuously until 1884.

Ere leaving his native land Judge Christiansen was married on the 11th of May, 1877, to Miss Wilhelmina Gertrude Gjendrup, a daughter of Frederick William Gjendrup and a native of Copenhagen. Two children were born unto them, Winnie M. and Johanna M., the former born June 21, 1878, and the latter on the 4th of May, 1880.

With their little family Judge Christiansen and his wife sailed for the new world in January, 1884. They landed at New York and thence made their way westward to Wisconsin, arriving in this state on the 1st of March. Taking up their abode in Juneau, Mr. Christiansen was admitted to the bar of Dodge

county in September of that year and has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession here. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his ability, soon called him to public office and in 1887 and 1888 he filled the position of deputy county clerk. In 1889 he was made city clerk of Juneau and continued in that office for three years, his record as a city official being most creditable. In 1893 he was called to the bench and served thereon continuously from 1894 until 1898, his judicial record being, in harmony with his record as a man and lawyer, characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty and a masterful grasp of the problems presented for solution. He has held other offices, having been enrolling clerk of the Wisconsin senate in 1889 and a member of the commission on public works for five years. His public duties have ever been discharged with a sense of conscientious obligation. In politics he is a stalwart republican, giving to the party unfaltering support since becoming a naturalized American citizen. The twenty-eight years of his residence in Juneau have made him widely known and brought him a large circle of warm friends, for his life has ever been upright and honorable and his native talents and acquired ability have been directed along lines that have made his life activities a serviceable factor in the world's work.

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JOHN W. PLUCK.

John W. Pluck is passenger engineer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad and has held this position for twenty-five years. His long service has been faithful and intelligent and has won him the confidence and esteem of his employers, who recognize in him the rare quality of reliability and value his energy, resourcefulness and efficiency. He was born in Horicon, June 22, 1860, a son of Miles and Jane (Reilly) Pluck, natives of County Wicklow, Ireland. The father came to Wisconsin in 1852 and settled in Horicon in the spring of 1856. For some time he worked at the blacksmith's trade but later engaged in railroad work, in which he continued until his retirement in 1893. He died in 1897, having survived his wife since 1885. He was prominent and active in local affairs and in the early days of Horicon served as trustee of the village. He and his wife had six children: Timothy, deceased, who was a passenger conductor on the St. Paul railroad; Mary, the widow of James Garvin, of Horicon; John W., of this review; Thomas, who served four years as register of deeds and who is now in the restaurant business in Horicon; Milo, who is engaged in the same line of occupation in the railroad station at Horicon; and Catherine, the wife of James McManus, an engineer residing in Horicon.

John W. Pluck was educated in the public schools of his native section and followed the usual course of studies until he was sixteen years of age, when he began working as a fireman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, continuing in this position for five years. On May 9, 1882, he was made engineer and given a freight run from Portage to Milwaukee. He was later transferred to the line from Milwaukee to Winneconne and on April 4, 1887, was again transferred to the passenger department and given the territory be-

tween Horicon and Portage. For twenty-five years he has held this position and has discharged his duties always capably and efficiently. In 1895 he purchased a farm which is now within the city limits and upon this he opened a brickyard, which he operated until 1908, when he disposed of his entire holdings and at the present time gives his attention to his engineering duties, although he has a large tract of land in North Dakota, the revenue of which materially adds to his income.

On February 19, 1889, Mr. Pluck was united in marriage to Miss Alice Condie, a daughter of Andrew and Hannah Condie, the former of whom was prominent in the lumber business until his retirement. He now makes his home with the subject of this review. His wife has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Pluck have a son, Thomas, who was born November 27, 1889. He is a graduate of the pharmaceutical department of Marquette University at Milwaukee, receiving his degree in 1912, and is now engaged in the drug business in Horicon. The family reside in one of the most pleasant homes in Horicon and Mr. Pluck has won many friends during his long period of residence here, who honor and respect him for his upright and straightforward life.

Mr. Pluck, always public-spirited and marching in the front rank with those far-sighted citizens to whose heart is dearest and nearest the progress and improvement of their home city and the welfare of its people, has played no mean part in the official life of the municipality. In 1897, when Horicon was incorporated as a city under the state law, his fellow citizens gave due recognition of their appreciation of him and his efforts by honoring him with election to the mayor's chair, the highest office in their gift, and Mr. Pluck became the first mayor of Horicon. That he fulfilled the duties and demands of this important office to the entire satisfaction of his constituents, to the betterment of the city, the general improvement of conditions, that his rule was wise and effective—there is no more conclusive proof needed than the fact that he was continued in the chair for six years by reelection. During this time was inaugurated a new era of development and prosperity in the young-born city and Mayor Pluck's work in connection therewith was of an important and lasting character, his administration—a benefit to the community—an honor to himself.

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#### FRANK JOSEPH MIRLACH.

Frank J. Mirlach is a native son of Beaver Dam, prominent in business, fraternal and political circles of his community and, in the able conduct of his many enterprises, is an important factor in its citizenship. He has spent his entire life in the city where his birth occurred December 4, 1872. He is a son of Andrew F. and Frances H. (Haertl) Mirlach, natives of Germany. His father came to America in 1854 with his parents and was married in Beaver Dam, his wife having come to the United States in 1853. He learned the jewelry trade after coming to this country and upon his arrival in Wisconsin formed a partnership with his brother Joseph F., in establishing an enterprise along this line. In this business which they are now conducting they achieved suc-

cess from the beginning. Andrew F. Mirlach is now in his sixty-eighth year. His wife passed away when she was fifty-four years of age.

Frank J. Mirlach is the second in a family of six children. He was educated in the parochial schools of Beaver Dam, laying aside his books at the age of thirteen, in order to accept a position as driver of a delivery wagon for a local grocery. His wages were seventy-two dollars a year and he worked the entire twelve months before he drew any money. When he abandoned this line of occupation he worked upon a farm for a short time and then clerked in a grocery store for a year and a half. At the end of that time he started to learn the jewelry business under the supervision of his father, completing his apprenticeship in a short time. In 1901 he added to his activities by accepting the office of city clerk, to which position he was reelected for six successive terms. On January 1, 1907, he definitely abandoned business life in order to devote himself exclusively to politics. He was elected to the office of register of deeds and did able and effective work for four years. When his term expired he established himself in the real-estate business, in which he had previously become interested and he is now dividing his time between this occupation, the management of his private interests and his duties as mayor of Beaver Dam. To this latter office he was elected by the city council to fill a vacancy and in the spring of 1912 was reelected by a very large majority. In order to accept he was obliged to resign his position as chairman of the police and fire commission.

Mr. Mirlach is one of the prominent and successful men of Beaver Dam and has a firm faith in the future of the city. He owns one hundred and fifty-eight acres of fine farm land in the vicinity, fourteen houses within the city limits and forty lots scattered throughout the city. He is a stockholder in the old national bank. He makes his home with his father, his brother Eugene and his sister Fannie and with them attends St. Peter's Catholic church of Beaver Dam. He is interested in religious affairs and is a member of the Society of St. Peter. He also belongs to the Eagles, the Beavers and the Ben Hur society. He is a man of varied interests, loyal, public-spirited and thoroughly capable. His political and commercial success have a common cause in his high and upright standards and his unquestioned integrity. He is a shrewd and able business man with a comprehensive grasp of modern conditions and of the economical phases which influence them while his political success has been determined by the same qualities of honesty and good faith which had aided and hastened his commercial prosperity.

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#### FREDERICK WILLIAM GEBHARDT.

Frederick William Gebhardt has long been identified with the Citizens Bank of Juneau, in which for sixteen years he has held the position of assistant cashier. Of German extraction, he is a native of this state, his birth having occurred in Hustisford on the 25th of November, 1871. He is a son of Frederick William and, Maria (Richter) Gebhardt, who were born, reared and married in Zellin, Germany. Together with their two eldest children they emigrated to

the United States in June, 1871, coming direct to Hustisford, this county. The father, who was a shipbuilder in the old country, here followed the carpenter's trade until about 1896, when he opened a furniture store which he is still conducting. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Gebhardt numbered seven, our subject being the third in order of birth.

Although he was born and reared in a home of moderate circumstances, Frederick William Gebhardt was given the advantages of a practical education. He began his schooling in Hustisford, following which he attended the high school at Horicon, subsequently pursuing a commercial course in a business college at Rockford, Illinois. From the age of thirteen years during vacations he worked at the carpenter's trade with his father, but he never followed this occupation regularly. Upon leaving school he taught during the winter months for four years and subsequently identified himself with the furniture business. Two years later he severed his connection with mercantile activities, however, and became connected with the Citizens Bank of Juneau. He began in the capacity of bookkeeper but in 1896 he was made assistant cashier and has ever since held this position. He is a stockholder in this bank, which is one of the firmly established and stable financial institutions of the county, as well as one of the most conservative.

In Hustisford, on the 5th of November, 1900, Mr. Gebhardt was married to Miss Ida Fiedler, a native of that town and a daughter of Ernest and Anna (Haertel) Fiedler. The parents came direct to Hustisford from Germany, in which country they were born and reared. The father, who was a mason, here followed his trade until he died. The mother is still living and now makes her home with Mrs. Gebhardt, who is her only child. To Mr. and Mrs. Gebhardt there have been born two children: Hertha, whose birth occurred on the 24th of November, 1901; and Anna, whose natal day was the 14th of May, 1903.

The parents manifest their religious faith through their connection with the Reformed Lutheran church, and fraternally Mr. Gebhardt has attained the rank of a Knight Templar in the Masonic order. He belongs to the blue lodge of Juneau, the chapter of Horicon and the commandery at Beaver Dam. He is also a member of the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. His political indorsement he accords to the democratic party, and is now serving as city treasurer. He is likewise treasurer of the Automatic Carrier Company, and is a stockholder in this enterprise. Mr. Gebhardt is one of the popular employes of the Citizens Bank as he is gracious and affable and extends to their patrons every accommodation compatible with the policy of the institution.

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#### WILLIAM VOLKMANN.

William Volkmann, who is creditably and efficiently discharging the duties of sheriff, is one of Dodge county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Herman township on the 27th of March, 1865. His father, William Volkmann, was born in Germany on the 9th of August, 1838, but he spent the most of his life in America, having come to this country with his parents when a child of eight

years. The family located in Watertown, this state, and there he grew to manhood and was subsequently married to Miss Albertine Gentz. She is likewise a native of Germany, her birth having occurred on the 25th of March, 1841. Her parents emigrated to the United States when she was ten years of age and she has ever since resided in Wisconsin. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Volkmann moved to Herman township, going from there to Hubbard township two years later. There they continued to reside the father still devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits. German thrift and energy resulted in prosperity and he acquired extensive property interests. Recently he has sold three hundred and twenty acres of his holdings to the Northwestern Iron Company for three hundred dollars per acre, thus realizing a handsome profit on the investment in addition to the competence he has acquired from the cultivation of his fields during the intervening years. Our subject is the eldest of the five children born to his parents, the others, in order of birth, being as follows: August D., who is engaged in the furniture business at Iron Ridge; Edward B., who is in the real-estate business at Watertown; Albert, who is farming in Herman township, this county; and Albertine, the wife of George Hennig, a farmer of Herman township. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and have reared their family in the faith of that denomination.

In common with the history of the majority of the pioneers that of the Volkmann family is one of toil and achievement, parents and children uniting their energies toward the attainment of a single purpose—the acquirement of a home. Under such circumstances the early advantages of the children were necessarily limited. They attended the district schools, however, until they had mastered the common branches while at home they were trained in habits of thrift and industry, which enabled them to develop into self-reliant men and women and useful members of society. William Volkmann's youth was not unlike that of the other lads with whom he was reared. He early became familiar with the duties and requirements of the agriculturist, assisting his father with the cultivation of the home place until his twenty-fourth year. He was then married and removed to Beaver Dam township, where he engaged in general farming for seventeen years. His efforts were energetically directed along well defined lines with the persistence that invariably brings success. There were the usual obstacles and discouragements encountered by every man, but instead of bringing defeat they developed within him the hardihood and resource that only served to strengthen his determination. Such characters invariably succeed and now he holds the title to two hundred and sixty-one acres of productive land, adjacent to the city of Beaver Dam. As his circumstances permitted he added to its value by the erection of substantial buildings and the introduction of many modern improvements, including an equipment comprising everything required by the modern agriculturist. Upon leaving the farm he engaged in the hotel business in Beaver Dam for four years, at the expiration of which time he assumed the duties of his present office.

On the 18th of May, 1888, Mr. Volkmann was married to Miss Lydia Hennig, who was born in Herman township, this county, on May 6, 1869. She is a daughter of Henry and Katherine Hennig, natives of Germany, who came to Dodge county during the pioneer period and were among the first settlers of Herman township. There the father passed away but the mother was living

in Chester township at the time of her death. Mrs. Volkmann, who is the youngest in a family of six children, has become the mother of two sons: Edwin E., who was born on the 28th of March, 1889, employed in a large mercantile establishment of Milwaukee; and Arthur A., whose birth occurred on the 3d of May, 1893. He is turnkey in the Dodge county jail.

The family are members of the Lutheran church. Politically Mr. Volkmann is a democrat and has taken an active interest in local affairs of a governmental nature from the time he was granted the right of franchise. While living on the farm he held some of the minor offices, and after removing to Beaver Dam he was trustee of the insane asylum and he was also chairman of the township of which he was likewise treasurer for five years. During the two years of his present incumbency he has discharged his duties in a commendable manner, thus fulfilling the expectations of his constituency and proving the wisdom of their selection.

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#### FRANK F. CONGDON.

Frank F. Congdon needs no introduction to the readers of the history of Dodge county, for he is widely known as the manager of the Woolen Manufacturing Company, owning and controlling one of the most important and extensive business enterprises of the city—an undertaking which is winning for Beaver Dam its reputation as a great manufacturing center. He was born in Wautoma, Wisconsin, in 1860, a son of George B. and Celia F. (Flanders) Congdon. The father came to Wisconsin in 1847 with George H. Stewart and grew up with him. Mr. Stewart was the owner of a woolen mill which was eventually purchased by George B. Congdon and G. W. Chandler. From that time forward until his death the father was actively connected with the business of which his son is now manager and made his home in Beaver Dam until called to his final rest in January, 1907. His widow still survives, as do their two sons, Frank F. and George C., the latter a resident of Milwaukee.

The former had a public-school education and then went into the mill with his father. The Woolen Manufacturing Company was established in 1853 by George H. Stewart and in 1865 was sold to G. W. Chandler and G. B. Congdon, who conducted the enterprise under the name of the Chandler-Congdon Company until 1882, when the business was incorporated as the Woolen Manufacturing Company. In 1892 the Beaver Dam Worsted Company rented the plant and occupied it until 1902, in which latter year the former business was reorganized, becoming the property of its present owners. The officers of the company are: M. A. Jacobs, president; T. D. Lawrence, vice president; J. W. Miller, secretary; Peter Buele, treasurer; and Frank Congdon, manager. The company manufactures cassimeres used for men's clothes and their goods are sold in all the large clothing centers, being sent to most of the more important cities throughout the country. The cloth manufactured is all of high grade and the mill has a capacity of one thousand yards per day, employing eighty people in the operation of the plant. The factory is equipped with both steam and water power and has a private track from the main line of the railroad. This is



the largest mill of its kind in the state and is the only one in Dodge county that is now in operation. The building occupied is forty-five by one hundred and fifty feet, is three stories in height with basement and has a large ell, thirty feet square, of the same height. The building is splendidly equipped with modern machinery and in its manufactured goods the company meets the demands of critical taste in style, workmanship and quality. Entering the business in a minor capacity, Frank F. Congdon acquainted himself with various departments of the trade and thereby became well qualified to assume the responsible duties of manager, in which position he is now serving.

In May, 1881, Mr. Congdon was married to Miss Alice G. Hambricht and unto them have been born two children, Edith and Clarence S. Mr. Congdon is prominent in Masonry, having attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. In fact he has gone through all departments of Masonry save the thirty-third degree and for three years he was master of the lodge at Beaver Dam. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in matters of citizenship he stands for reform, progress and improvement, but the demands of his business leave him no time for active work along political lines. He concentrates his efforts upon the control of the important manufacturing interests under his care and has made for himself an enviable place and name in business circles.

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#### THOMAS L. NEWTON.

While now living retired Thomas L. Newton was long a prominent figure in the business circles of Beaver Dam. He has passed the eighty-fifth milestone on life's journey and his rest is well deserved, being the fitting reward of years of earnest, persistent and honorable effort. His labors have at various times and in many ways contributed to the progress and upbuilding of the state and in matters relating to the public welfare Mr. Newton's position has never been an equivocal one. He has always stood firmly in support of what he has believed to be for the best interests of the commonwealth at large and his labors have been far-reaching and effective.

Mr. Newton was born in Templeton, Worcester county, Massachusetts, July 27, 1827, his parents being Amos and Lydia (Larnard) Newton. The family is of English origin and was established in America in the colonial epoch of our country's history. The father followed the occupation of farming in New England and there Thomas L. Newton was reared, continuing his residence in the east until August, 1856, when, attracted by the business opportunities of the growing west, he came to Beaver Dam. Here he became a clerk in the grocery store of A. P. Lawrence, with whom he remained for a year, and subsequently he opened a store in connection with Horace G. Damon, with whom he continued for two or three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased his partner's interest and engaged independently in the grocery business until 1860, when he admitted Andrew Willard to a partnership. This relation was maintained until 1865, when Mr. Newton sold out to Mr. Willard and turned his attention to general merchandising. In that line of business he



continued until 1900, or for a period of forty-five years, when he sold out to clerks who had been with him from five to twenty years, giving them the opportunity to pay as they could. The business was then incorporated, Mr. Newton taking stock as collateral for notes. He figured prominently as a merchant of Beaver Dam, his progressive business methods being such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and measured up to high standards of commercial ethics. Aside from merchandising he has been well known, becoming vice president of the old National Bank and at different times owning as high as four farms in this part of the state. He has been deeply interested in the subject of raising fine stock, making a specialty of Percheron horses and Short-horn cattle, and has won many prizes thereon. He has been the only breeder in the county to sell a carload of registered Percheron horses at a time, having in 1904 disposed of that number to A. P. Nave, of Attica, Indiana. Mr. Newton has been very prominent in connection with both county and state affairs, realizing how great a stimulus they have been to the efforts and enterprise of the agricultural class. For a year he served as the president of the State Agricultural Society and for four years was its secretary.

In 1854 Mr. Newton was united in marriage to Miss Harriet A. Childs, of New Hampshire, the wedding being celebrated in the east. They became the parents of three children but two of the number passed away, the surviving son being Theodore L., who is a merchant of Marshalltown, Iowa, and is married and has three children. In 1907 Mr. Newton erected his present home, which is a beautiful residence, richly and tastefully furnished. There he and his wife are spending the evening of life, amid many comforts which have come to them as the result of his industry and business ability. In politics he has long been an earnest republican and upon the party ticket was elected to the office of alderman. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, being the oldest member of the lodge at Beaver Dam, while with Portage Commandery, K. T., he also holds membership. Wherever known he is held in high regard and most of all where he is best known. The most envious cannot grudge him his success, so industriously and honorably has it been won, and in reviewing his life history of unfaltering activity and straightforward purpose and recognizing how pleasantly he is now situated, one cannot but feel

"How blest is he who crowns in shades like these  
A youth of labor with an age of ease."

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#### SAMUEL C. ELSER.

Samuel C. Elser has for the past three years been engaged in the grocery business at Beaver Dam, in partnership with George Elser, and has won success in this connection. His birth occurred in Dodge county, Wisconsin, on the 30th of April, 1865, his parents being George and Maggie (Elser) Elser. The father, a native of Germany, crossed the Atlantic to the United States at an early day, and took up his abode in Pennsylvania. In 1863 he came west, settling in Dodge county, Wisconsin. He was a carpenter by trade and also

followed general agricultural pursuits. His political allegiance was given to the democracy, while his religious faith was that of the Lutheran church. His demise, which occurred in 1904, was the occasion of deep and wide-spread regret, for his life had been upright and honorable in all its relations. His widow, who survives him, makes her home in Beaver Dam. Their children were as follows: Christ; George; Samuel; Theodore; Charles; William; Lizzie, who is the wife of John E. Miller; Mrs. Annie Miller; Mrs. Maggie Helbing, who makes her home in Watertown, South Dakota; and Mrs. Lena Vetter, of Beaver Dam.

Samuel C. Elser attended the district schools until fifteen years of age and after putting aside his text-books turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, being busily engaged in the work of the fields until about 1909. At that time he purchased an interest in the grocery store of George Elser of Beaver Dam, with whom he has since been associated in business. They carry an extensive line of staple and fancy groceries and are accorded a liberal patronage. Mr. Elser is also a stockholder in the Beaver Dam Foundry Company and the German National Bank.

Mr. Elser was united in marriage to Miss Amalia Vetter, a daughter of August and Sophia Vetter. She was one of a family including: Oscar, deceased; Robert; Mrs. Keller; Mrs. John Long; and Mrs. Frank Hinsky. Mrs. Amalia Elser was called to her final rest in 1908. Mr. Elser is a democrat and during the year 1911 served as supervisor from the seventh ward. He belongs to the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also a member of the Lutheran Society. A well spent life has won him the favorable regard of those with whom he has come into contact.

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#### SIDNEY R. JONES.

The name of Sidney R. Jones has long been prominently connected with the business interests of Juneau, where for sixteen years he has been president of the Citizens Bank. He is a man of keen discernment and sagacity and has assisted in the organization of various local enterprises, chief among these being the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, of which he has been the president since it was founded in 1875. He is of American ancestry and was born in the vicinity of Troy, Rensselaer county, New York, on the 24th of February, 1836. His parents were Ira and Penelope (Green) Jones, also natives of the Empire state, the father's birth having there occurred on the 31st of March, 1810, and that of the mother on August 20, 1811. Ira Jones, who was a farmer, came to Wisconsin with his family in 1843. They first resided in Watertown but eighteen months later they came to Dodge county. Pioneer conditions prevailed in this section of the state and they lived in a log cabin in very much the same manner as other early settlers. The father acquired valuable real estate and at the time of his death held the title to two hundred acres of excellent land. His latter years were passed in Hustisford. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, two of whom died in infancy. Those who lived to attain maturity were as follows: Polly Ann, deceased; Sidney R., our subject;

Seneca B., who is a farmer in Hustisford township; Samuel A., who is farming in Oak Grove township; Flora, deceased; Florence, the wife of F. W. Greene, who is living retired in Juneau; and Maggie L., the widow of William Slight, of Juneau.

The first seven years in the life of Sidney R. Jones were passed in his native state and there he began his education. He continued his studies in the schools of Watertown and Hustisford, but in common with the majority of the pioneer youths his early opportunities were limited. The lack of educational advantages is never a hindrance to the progress of an ambitious man, however, as he invariably finds the means of overcoming his deficiencies and at the same time develops those qualities, which pave the way to success and mark him as a leader in his community. Having been reared on a farm he was early trained to agricultural pursuits, assisting with the cultivation of the home place until he was twenty-four years of age. Later he purchased a hundred and twenty acres of land in Hustisford, which he still owns and began farming on his own account. He resided on his farm until 1903 and during that period extended its boundaries to two hundred acres and added to its improvements until it is one of the most valuable properties in the township. Since withdrawing from agricultural pursuits, Mr. Jones has made his home in Juneau, devoting his entire attention to his interests here.

On the 21st of March, 1860, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Anna Baker, who was born in England on the 9th of July, 1839, and is a daughter of Thomas and Eliza Baker. The mother died in the old country, but in 1854 the father came to America with his family and located on a farm in Lebanon township, in the cultivation of which he engaged until his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones there has been born one child, Cora, the wife of Ernest E. Randall, a farmer, who is living retired in Hustisford. Mr. Jones votes the republican ticket, but the extent of his personal interests has made it impossible for him to figure in local political activities, although he has served as assessor. He is not remiss in matters of citizenship, however, but on the contrary cooperates in forwarding the welfare of the community and in promoting the development of its various public utilities.

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#### ALBRECHT W. SCHOENWETTER, D.D. S.

One of the most enterprising and progressive dentists of Beaver Dam is Dr. A. W. Schoenwetter who has been practicing his profession in this city since 1910. His active career has been short but his expert and specialized knowledge have combined with personal ability to make his rise rapid and his prosperity sure. Dr. Schoenwetter is a native son of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred at Lowell, in August, 1889. His parents were Albert and Pauline (Bartell) Schoenwetter, the former a native of Lowell, Wisconsin, and the latter of Germany. Albert Schoenwetter followed agriculture for many years and was prominent in public life. He served as chairman of the town board for six years and for a long time did able and efficient work as trustee of the insane asylum. He is now president of the Lowell Canning Company and is one

of the representative and prominent citizens of that city. He and his-wife were the parents of seven children: Gerhart, of Lowell, Wisconsin, who married Miss Bertha Buske, by whom he has three children, Harvey, Oscar and Bernice; Olga, who also resides in Lowell; Albrecht, the subject of this sketch; and Arthur, Paul, Emma and Bernice, all of whom live in Lowell.

Dr. Schoenwetter was reared at home and educated in the public schools of his native city. He attended Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1907. He early determined to make the practice of dentistry his life work and in order to fit himself for this line of occupation enrolled in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, graduating with the class of 1910 and obtaining in that year his degree of D.D.S. He immediately located for practice in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and has been in this city since that time. His practice has constantly increased as his methods and efficient equipment became better known.

On July 12, 1910, Dr. Schoenwetter was united in marriage to Miss Leona Raymond, a daughter of Lewis Raymond, of Valparaiso, Indiana. Mrs. Schoenwetter was born December 6, 1891, and is one of six children born to her parents, the others being: Malda; Ida, who is a graduate of Valparaiso university from the department of instrumental music; Laura, who studied voice culture in Valparaiso University; Duffy, who graduated from the law department of the same institution and received a degree of Bachelor of Science, taking also a complete commercial course with special studies in elocution; and Mabel.

Dr. Schoenwetter is a democrat, taking an intelligent interest in public affairs not, however, participating actively in politics beyond casting his ballot. He is a member of the German Reformed church. The profession of dentistry requires a steady and dexterous hand, a concentrated mind and a skill which is mechanical and technical as well as scientific. All these elements of success Dr. Schoenwetter possesses in a large measure, and upon them he has based his prosperity. He is still a young man but his attainments prophesy well for his future professional career.

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#### COURTNEY STARKWEATHER.

Courtney Starkweather owns a fine farm of two hundred acres of land directly across the river from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and is active and successful as an agriculturist. During his life he has been prominently connected with business expansion in the city and still maintains his identification with some important local enterprises. He was born in Alabama, Genesee county, New York, on April 18, 1843, and is a son of Martin and Mary Jane (Batchelder) Starkweather. His grandfather, Amos Starkweather was also a native of New York, having been born in Chautauqua. He married Miss Betsey Bullock a native of New York, who died in Oneida county, October 10, 1877. They were the parents of ten children: Phoebe, born June 6, 1793; David; Benjamin; Nelson; Betsey; Riley; Almira; Florilla; Martin, the father of our subject; and Schulyer.

Martin Starkweather was born in Worcester, New York, on June 1, 1812, and came to Wisconsin at an early date. He died in Columbus in this state about the year 1890. His wife in her maidenhood was Miss Mary Jane Batchelder. Their marriage occurred in 1840 in Alabama, New York, and they became the parents of the following children: Asher, who died during the Civil war; Courtney, the subject of this review; and Minnie.

Courtney Starkweather came to Wisconsin when he was ten years of age and located in Columbia county, where he remained for twenty years. He received part of his education in the public schools of that district and learned the carpenter's trade. He laid aside his books at the age of twenty and worked at different occupations for four years in his father's shop. He married in 1871 and some time after went to Fall River, where he followed the wagon, blacksmithing and harness business for eighteen months, finally locating in Beaver Dam in April, 1874. In this city he established himself in partnership with Mr. Cleveland in the lumber business, operating under the name of Starkweather & Cleveland. He eventually purchased his partner's interest and ran the concern with remarkable success until 1900. In that year he abandoned active connection with it and it has since been managed by his son. In December, 1909, the lumber enterprise was incorporated with a capital of fifty thousand dollars under the name of C. Starkweather & Son. The firm does a general lumber business and deals in coal and building materials. It is one of the largest enterprises of its kind in Dodge county and its dominating factor, Mr. Starkweather, is accounted among the progressive forces in industrial development. Mr. Starkweather is the owner of two hundred acres of land directly across the lake from Beaver Dam and is giving his attention to its development along modern lines. He has equipped his farm with the most improved devices in labor-saving machinery and takes a pride in making his one of the model properties in this section of the country. He has, however, not abandoned his identification with business advancements in the city. He is a stockholder in the Beaver Dam Iron Works and is a director in the Farmers State Bank. There is hardly any phase of business activity with which his name is not prominently connected and no movement looking toward further progress ever seeks his cooperation in vain.

Mr. Starkweather was married on November 15, 1871, to Miss Adelaide A. Eggleston whose birth occurred in Waukesha, Wisconsin, on November 7, 1845. Mrs. Starkweather is a daughter of Thomas G. and Deborah H. (Austin) Eggleston, the former a native of England and the latter of Utica, New York. They settled in Wisconsin at an early date locating first in Milwaukee and later in Waukesha, finally removing to Fox Lake where they both died, the father in 1892, when he was eighty-two years of age, and the mother in 1894, when she had reached the age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Starkweather is one of six children born to her parents: Charles H., who is living in Fox Lake and is seventy-six years old; Georgiana M., who died June 3, 1883, when she was forty-four years of age; Ellen E., born in 1840, who is now Mrs. Smith of Reedsburg; Frances A., born in 1843, who is now Mrs. Price, of St. James, Minnesota; Adelaide A., the wife of our subject; and Harriett M., who was born in 1847, and who died in Chicago when she was fifty-one years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Starkweather have been born two children. The eldest is Charles

A., whose birth occurred on November 26, 1877. He married on June 24, 1901, Miss Cora B. Winn, of West Chesterfield, New Hampshire. Mrs. Charles Starkweather is one of five children born to her parents. The others are: Charles, of Holyoke, Massachusetts; Carrie, now Mrs. Chickering, of West Chesterfield, New Hampshire; Grace, who became the wife of H. Chickering of the same city; and Samuel, who also resides in New Hampshire. They are the parents of two children: Evelyn Grace, born March 10, 1903; and Courtney Winn, born March 10, 1908. Charles Starkweather was educated in the public schools of Beaver Dam and later attended the Wayland Academy from which institution he was graduated in 1898. He supplemented this by a business course in the Spencerian Business College, of Milwaukee, graduating in 1899. He is now prominent in business circles of Beaver Dam and is following in his father's footsteps as a constructively energetic factor in commercial up-building. He is identified with some of the most important concerns in the city and as secretary and treasurer of the Beaver Dam Foundry Company has influenced the success of that institution. The other child born to Mr. and Mrs. Starkweather is Bessie, whose birth occurred on August 17, 1883. She was educated in the public schools of Beaver Dam, and is a graduate of Wayland Academy. She later attended Downer College, of Milwaukee, and finished her education by an extended tour in Europe.

In his political affiliations Mr. Starkweather is consistently republican and intelligently interested in public questions. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belongs to the Baptist church. His farm to which he is now giving most of his attention is carried on along the same lines of progress and expansion which have always marked his business career. It is a model and up-to-date property in every respect and has been a contributing factor in agricultural development.

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#### FRANK G. BARTELT.

Frank G. Bartelt, the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 23, Oak Grove township, devotes his attention to dairying and in this connection has won a gratifying measure of success. His birth occurred in Hubbard township, Dodge county, on the 23d of March, 1878, his parents being August and Augusta (Kraus) Bartelt, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father, who became an early settler of this county, here worked as a farm hand for a time and afterward cultivated rented land. Subsequently he purchased a farm in Hubbard township and there spent the remainder of his life passing away about 1908. His widow still survives and now makes her home with our subject in Oak Grove township.

Frank G. Bartelt, who was the third in order of birth in a family of four children, obtained his education in the district schools of Oak Grove township. When a youth of sixteen he left the parental roof and during the following six years worked as a farm hand. Subsequently he operated a rented farm in Oak Grove township for five years and on the expiration of that period purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres a mile east of Juneau, whereupon



he has resided to the present time. He has erected a barn, one hundred by forty feet, an east wing, sixty by twenty-two feet, and a silo, eighteen by thirty-four feet. The farm is well improved in every particular and is devoted to the dairy business, its owner keeping on an average of fifty head of stock, about half of which are pure bred Holsteins. He is a member of the Holstein Friesian Association of America and in his undertakings as a dairyman has won prosperity, being now numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of his native county.

On the 17th of February, 1900, Mr. Bartelt was united in marriage to Miss Emma Steffen, who was born in Hustisford, this county, on the 7th of October, 1877, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. William Steffen, natives of Germany. They became early settlers of Hustisford township, and Mr. Steffen is an extensive landowner of this county, being still actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits. His wife passed away many years ago.

Mr. Bartelt is an independent republican in politics, supporting the ticket where national issues are involved but not considering himself bound by party ties at local elections. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, belonging to the church of that denomination at Juneau. In the county where they have spent their entire lives both Mr. and Mrs. Bartelt enjoy the esteem of an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances, having at all times displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime command confidence and regard.

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#### EDWIN J. HARTER.

Edwin J. Harter, a well known and substantial agriculturist of Oak Grove township, is the owner of an excellent farm of sixty acres on section 14. His birth occurred in Hartford township, Washington county, Wisconsin, on the 10th of May, 1872, his parents being David M. and Amanda (Nelson) Harter. The father was born at Kirkville, New York, on the 11th of April, 1842, while the mother's birth occurred at Rubicon, Dodge county, Wisconsin, on the 11th of September, 1849. David M. Harter was but eighteen months old when taken to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by his parents, who later removed to Herman township, this county, and here he grew to manhood. In 1864 he enlisted in the Union army, serving in the Fourteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and later was transferred to the Twenty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry as a private. After being mustered out he returned home and in 1867 removed with his parents to Hartford, Washington county, this state, where he became a landowner and where he still resides. He successfully followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and is now living retired.

Edwin J. Harter supplemented his early education by a course of study in the high school at Hartford and later continued his studies in the State Normal School at Oshkosh, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1896. At the age of nineteen he began teaching in Rubicon township, this county, following that profession during the winter months for twelve years

and being engaged in farming during the summer seasons. Subsequently he purchased a farm of sixty acres in Oak Grove township, where he has since devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits, his property being now well improved and productive. He is preparing to specialize in pure bred Holstein cattle, etc. In connection with his farming interests he acts as president of the Juneau Butter & Cheese Company and he is likewise identified with the American Society of Equity, now serving as secretary of Enterprise Local Union.

On the 25th of August, 1897, Mr. Harter was united in marriage to Miss Minnie A. White, who was born in Hartford, Washington county, Wisconsin, on the 9th of July, 1869, her parents being William W. and Emily (Shepherd) White. The father's birth occurred in Herman township, this county, in 1835, while the mother was born in Hartford township, Washington county, about 1845. William W. White has been engaged in farming throughout his active business career but in early manhood traveled about to some extent, going to California during the gold excitement and to other places in search of opportunities. Eventually he took up his abode near Elkhorn, Wisconsin, where he has resided continuously since, now living in honorable retirement. His wife passed away in the thirty-third year of her age. Unto our subject and his wife was born one child, who died in infancy. They have an adopted son, Howard Victor, whose natal day was March 9, 1909.

In politics Mr. Harter is a republican but his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Juneau. A man of upright principles and progressive spirit, he occupies an enviable place in the respect of his fellowmen by reason of his loyal citizenship and his genuine personal worth.

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#### AUGUST F. WOOCK.

August F. Woock, a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Dodge county, is well known as a prosperous agriculturist of Oak Grove township, owning a highly improved farm of eighty acres on section 16. His birth occurred in Burnett township, this county, on the 14th of May, 1878, his parents being Charles and Louisa (Graf) Woock. The father is a native of Dodge county, this state, while the mother was born in Germany. The paternal grandfather of our subject became a pioneer settler of the eastern part of this county and was killed while felling trees in clearing a homestead here, his son Charles being at that time but three days old. Charles Woock, the father of August F. Woock, followed farming throughout his active business career and also worked at carpentering. Soon after his marriage he became a landowner in Burnett township, where he has resided continuously since, now living retired. He held some local offices in the early days and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the county in which his entire life has been spent. Unto him and his wife were born four children, as follows: August F., of this review; William, John and Robert, all three of whom reside in Burnett township. The four sons all follow farming and are landowners.

August F. Woock attended the district schools of his native township in the acquirement of an education and when a youth of seventeen began working as a farm hand for others, being thus employed for about five years. Subsequently he cultivated rented land in Trenton township for three or four years and on the expiration of that period purchased the farm in association with a brother, while at the end of about seven years he became sole owner of the property. Disposing of that place, he bought a farm of eighty acres in Oak Grove township, in 1907, where he has resided to the present time. His land is rich and productive and his buildings are modern and up-to-date. The neat and thrifty appearance of his farm indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner, and his labors as an agriculturist have been attended with gratifying success. He is likewise a stockholder in the Juneau Cheese & Butter Company.

On the 12th of September, 1901, Mr. Woock was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Webber, who was born in Burnett township, this county, on the 1st of April, 1881, her parents being Henry D. and Carrie (Hasse) Webber, natives of Germany. They came to the United States with their respective parents, took up their abode among the early settlers of Dodge county and were here married. Henry D. Webber was formerly a farmer and landowner of Burnett township but is now living retired at Juneau. He served with the Union army throughout the period of the Civil war and, being wounded, was confined in a hospital for some time. His wife is also yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Woock have been born three children, as follows: Ella, whose natal day was October 31, 1903; Leonard, whose birth occurred on the 25th of June, 1905, and who passed away on the 13th of April, 1906; and Arnold, who was born on the 3d of July, 1906.

In politics Mr. Woock is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. Both he and his wife have always lived in Dodge county and have an extensive circle of friends here.

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#### EDWARD C. OESTREICH.

Edward C. Oestreich is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres on section 24, Oak Grove township, and devotes his attention to the dairy business. That place has remained his home from his birth to the present time, his natal day being March 11, 1875. His parents were Ferdinand and Caroline (Schiebel) Oestreich, the former born in Stettin, Germany, on the 27th of August, 1837, and the latter in Saxony on the 25th of December, 1846. Their marriage was celebrated in Watertown, this county. Ferdinand Oestreich, who emigrated to the United States in 1862, was a locksmith by trade and worked at that occupation in Watertown for a time, while subsequently he was employed as a machinist for two or three years. He then took up his abode in Juneau and there conducted a saloon for three and a half years. On the expiration of that period he purchased the farm which is now in possession of our subject, operating the same successfully until 1906, when he sold the property to his son Edward. He continued to reside thereon, however, until

called to his final rest on the 4th of May, 1912, having for more than eight years survived his wife, who passed away on the 1st of February, 1904. The period of his residence in Dodge county covered a half century and he enjoyed a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders. Unto him and his wife were born five children, as follows: Clara, who resides with her brother Edward; William, who is engaged in the hardware business at New London, Wisconsin; Emil, who is engaged in business with his brother, William; Alfred, who passed away when eleven years of age; and Edward C., of this review.

The last named acquired his education in the district schools of Oak Grove township and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, beginning to receive wages when a youth of eighteen and continuing to work in that way until twenty-nine years of age. In 1904 he rented the place and eighteen months later purchased the property, which comprises one hundred and eighty-five acres of valuable land. The farm is well improved in every particular and the buildings thereon are both substantial and modern. Mr. Oestreich devotes his attention principally to dairying, keeping about thirty-five head of Holstein cattle. He is likewise a stockholder in the Juneau Telephone Company and is widely recognized as a prosperous and enterprising citizen of his native county.

On the 12th of June, 1907, Mr. Oestreich was united in marriage to Miss Adela Griep, who was born in Oak Grove township on the 30th of October, 1886, her parents being Otto and Minnie (Wrucke) Griep, both natives of Dodge county. The father, who has followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, now resides in Hubbard township, where he owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Griep have been born seven children, of whom Mrs. Oestreich is the only daughter and the third in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Oestreich have one child, Harvey Earl, whose natal day was June 15, 1908.

In politics Mr. Oestreich is independent, supporting the men and measures that he deems will best conserve the general welfare, without regard to party ties. He attends the services of the Lutheran church and is a member of the American Society of Equity. Both Mr. and Mrs. Oestreich have a very extensive acquaintance in the county where they have always resided and because of their upright and honorable lives are uniformly esteemed.

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#### EDWARD F. LUECK.

Edward F. Lueck, a worthy native son and enterprising agriculturist of Oak Grove township, devotes his attention to the operation of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 25. His birth occurred on the 26th of June, 1886, his parents being Christopher Fred and Minnie (Schmidt) Lueck, both of whom are natives of Brandenburg, Germany. The father was born on the 31st of December, 1849, while the mother's natal day was August 16, 1851. Their marriage was celebrated in Lomira township, Dodge county, Wisconsin. Christopher F. Lueck was but a small boy when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, and his father died soon afterward. He grew

to manhood in Lebanon township, this county, and subsequently removed to Minnesota, where he became the owner of a small farm. A short time afterward, however, he disposed of the property and returned to Dodge county, purchasing a farm in Oak Grove township and residing thereon for about ten years. On the expiration of that period he sold the place and bought the farm on which his son Edward now resides. In 1907 he put aside the active work of the fields, leased the property and took up his abode in Juneau. Two years later he returned to the farm but after residing thereon for one year leased the place to our subject and went back to Juneau, where he has since lived in honorable retirement. Both Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lueck still survive and enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the county which has been their home for so many years. Unto them were born four children, as follows: William, who is a mason by trade and resides in Juneau; Emil, who passed away at the age of nine years; Edward F., of this review; and Alma, the wife of E. A. Mieske, of Horicon.

Edward F. Lueck obtained his early education in Oak Grove township and also pursued a course of study in the high school at Juneau. When a youth of fourteen he began working for others as a farm hand and was thus employed for six years. Subsequently he spent two years at the carpenter's trade and afterward worked for his father for one year. He then rented the homestead from his father and has since devoted his attention to its operation, making a specialty of dairying and of the raising of Poland China hogs and Holstein cattle. The place comprises one hundred and twenty acres of land and is highly improved and developed.

On the 22d of September, 1910, Mr. Lueck was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Amanda Beyer, who was born in Williamstown township, this county, on the 19th of September, 1892. They now have one child, Hazel Alma Hattie, whose natal day was January 4, 1912. Mr. Lueck gives his political allegiance to the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He is a member of the Reformed church at Juneau and also belongs to the Equity society of the Farmers Union. Both he and his wife have always remained in this county and are well known and highly esteemed as young people of upright, honorable lives.

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#### WILLIAM M. BEYER.

William M. Beyer, the father of Mrs. Edward F. Lueck, owns and operates a well improved farm of one hundred and five acres. His birth occurred in Theresa township, this county, on the 12th of February, 1851, his parents being Charles and Frederica (Castener) Beyer, both of whom were natives of Prussia, Germany. Their marriage was celebrated in Dodge county, Wisconsin, Charles Beyer having emigrated to this country in 1847 and Miss Castener in the following year. Mr. Beyer took up a timber claim in Theresa township and conducted a small store. Subsequently he took up his abode on a farm near Horicon, west of Mayville, continuing to reside thereon for about twenty years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Fayette county, Illinois, and was

there engaged in farming until the time of his demise, which occurred in 1875. His wife passed away some years later.

In the acquirement of an education William M. Beyer attended the district schools of Theresa township and also a German school. When twenty-seven years of age he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing a farm and being busily engaged in its operation for about twenty-four years. At the end of that time, having met with financial reverses, he returned to Dodge county and spent some time in the employ of others. He then purchased a small farm in Williamstown township and made his home thereon for about nine years. In 1901 he bought the farm of one hundred and five acres on which he has since resided and where he carries on general farming and dairying. Success has attended his efforts in this connection, and he is widely recognized as one of the substantial and respected citizens of his native county.

On the 24th of June, 1879, Mr. Beyer was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Sasse, who was born in Theresa township, this county, on the 20th of August, 1857, her parents being Charles and Sophia (Bradig) Sasse, natives of Germany. Mr. Sasse, a tailor by trade, became a farmer and landowner of Theresa township and later took up his abode in Fayette county, Illinois, where both he and his wife passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Beyer have eight children, as follows: Emma, who is the wife of Robert Teltzrow and resides in Dodge county; Helen, the wife of William Buchta, who is a carpenter residing in South Bend, Indiana; Hulda, who gave her hand in marriage to Oscar Blohm, a tailor of Beaver Dam; Gustav, who resides at home; Bernhardt, who is a cheesemaker living near Brandon; Frederick, twin brother of Bernhardt, who is a cheesemaker residing near Fox Lake; Anna, the wife of Alex Voss, who is a farmer living near Horicon; and Lydia A., the wife of Edward F. Lueck. In politics Mr. Beyer is an independent republican, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. His life in all of its various relations has been of such a character as to command the respect and esteem of those with whom he has been associated.

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#### ALBERT SCHWANTES.

Albert Schwantes, the owner of a valuable tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 26, Oak Grove township, devotes his attention to the pursuits of farming, stock raising and dairying and in all of his undertakings has met with success. His birth occurred in the province of Pommern, Germany, on the 28th of January, 1865, his parents being August and Amelia (Schultz) Schwantes, likewise natives of that province. The father was born on the 28th of September, 1842, while the mother's birth occurred on the 20th of March, 1840. August Schwantes served as a member of the regular army in Germany. In 1872 he emigrated to the United States with his family, locating in Watertown, Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he worked for others. Subsequently he took up his abode in Hustisford township and there continued in the employ of others for some time. He next spent five years in Washington county but on the expiration of that period returned to Hustisford township, this county,

here residing until called to his final rest on the 3d of December, 1911. His wife passed away in 1909.

Albert Schwantes, the first born in a family of six children, acquired his education in the schools of Hustisford township. After attaining his majority he rented a farm in that township and was busily engaged in its operation for seven years. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Oak Grove township and has since devoted his attention to the further cultivation and improvement of the place, having erected modern buildings and added all the conveniences and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. He is engaged in both farming and stock raising and also devotes considerable attention to dairying, keeping a fine herd of cattle. He has ever been a diligent and progressive man and his earnest and intelligently directed labor constitutes the basis of his success.

On the 28th of February, 1887, Mr. Schwantes was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Grulke, who was born in the province of Pommern, Germany, on the 3d of April, 1866, her parents being John and Hannah Grulke, also natives of Pommern. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States about 1882 and located on a farm in Hustisford township, this county, where Mr. Grulke passed away in 1907. His widow is still living in that township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schwantes have been born six children, as follows: Anna, whose birth occurred on the 18th of May, 1888, and who is now the wife of Henry Rolaff, a farmer residing in Hubbard township; Alfred, who was born on the 20th of March, 1890; Mata, whose natal day was August 20, 1892; Arthur, born ~~September 10,~~ <sup>MAY 15</sup> 1895; Hubert, born October 12, 1898; and one who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Schwantes is a staunch republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, belonging to the church of that denomination at Juneau. Widely known in the county where he has resided from boyhood days, he has an extensive acquaintance here and has won uniform trust and good will by reason of a life which in all of its phases has been straightforward and honorable.

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#### THEODOR HUTH.

With the death of Theodor Huth in Beaver Dam on January 28, 1902, Dodge county lost one of its earliest pioneers, a man who was an influential force in its commercial upbuilding. His residence in Wisconsin dates from 1850 and he lived in Beaver Dam since 1856. From that time until his death he was identified with some of the largest industrial concerns in the city and also did constructive work in politics. He was born in Rossia, Prussia, on April 4, 1832, and is a son of Alexander and Henrietta Huth. He received his education in the public schools of his native country and upon coming to America in 1850 located in Milwaukee. He remained in that city for six years coming to Beaver Dam in 1856 where he maintained his residence until the time of his death. He was identified with some of the most representative industries in Dodge county, as president of the German National Bank. He did efficient work in promoting commercial and industrial expansion and as a large stock-

holder in the Beaver Dam Cotton Mills and Malleable Iron Works he proved his business ability. His undoubted honor and integrity won him a high place in the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens and his influence was always given to worthy causes and applied to the benefit of his community.

In 1851 Mr. Huth was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Keil of Milwaukee, who died some time ago. On April 30, 1895, Mr. Huth was again united in marriage. His second wife was in her maidenhood Miss Barbara M. Sherman, a daughter of John and Eva (Schwerdt) Sherman, who lived in Beaver Dam for many years. They were originally from Germany and settled first in Oswego, New York, whence they came to Wisconsin. Mrs. Huth is one of five children born to her parents. The others are: Lawrence, who died when he was thirty-seven years of age; Caroline, now Mrs. Peter Buele of Beaver Dam; Julia, who has passed away; and John, who is practicing medicine in Beaver Dam. Mr. and Mrs. Huth became the parents of two children: Herman R., born April 8, 1898, who is attending the public schools; and Theodora, who died at the age of six months.

In 1879 Mr. Huth was chosen chief of the fire department which was the first organization of its kind in Beaver Dam. He held this position and conducted the duties of his office with ability and success for several years. He was alderman for two terms and mayor of the city from 1883 to 1884. His political career was distinguished by high ideals of personal service and by constant striving to promote the interests of his fellow citizens. He was a Lutheran in his religious faith and was president of the First Lutheran church of Beaver Dam for over twenty-five years and did constructive work in promoting the interests of that organization. His careful and systematic methods of business resulted in acquiring a comfortable fortune which was always used judiciously, for the benefit and upbuilding of this section of the country. During his life he was a witness of the gradual growth and development of Dodge county and bore an honorable part in its political and financial development. His death deprived the city of Beaver Dam of an upright and honorable Christian gentleman.

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#### WILLIAM F. SCHUNEMANN.

William F. Schunemann is the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred acres on section 11, Oak Grove township, which he devotes almost exclusively to dairying, having on hand about eighty head of pure bred Jerseys. His birth occurred near Berlin, Germany, on the 24th of January, 1858, his parents being Fred and Sophia (Finger) Schunemann, both of whom were born near Berlin in the year 1833. In 1862 they emigrated to the United States, coming direct to Lowell, Dodge county, Wisconsin. One year later they located on a farm where Fred Schunemann cultivated rented land for a number of years. About 1882 he removed to South Dakota, purchased and located on a farm of two hundred acres in Spink county and there passed away in 1883. The demise of his wife occurred in Redfield, South Dakota, about 1903.



William F. Schunemann, who was the second in order of birth in a family of eight children, obtained his early education in the schools of Herman and Oak Grove townships and later pursued a high-school course in Trenton township. When about twenty-four years of age he was married and began operating the farm then belonging to his wife and on which he has resided to the present time. He has extended its boundaries by the purchase of eighty acres and it now embraces two hundred acres. He devotes his attention principally to dairying, breeding pure bred Jerseys and having on hand about eighty head of pure-bred stock. His stock commands fancy prices and he has made shipments to all parts of the United States. He is a stockholder in the Juneau Cooperative Mercantile Company and has long been numbered among the enterprising and prosperous citizens of this county.

On the 21st of December, 1881, Mr. Schunemann was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Barrott, who was born near Oswego, New York, on the 18th of June, 1847, her parents being Morrison and Diana Barrott, likewise natives of the Empire state. The father was a farmer by occupation and also worked at the cooper's trade. It was in 1855 that Mr. and Mrs. Barrott came west to Dodge county, this state, locating on the farm which is now in possession of our subject. Morrison Barrott here passed away in 1886, at the age of ninety-one years, having for three decades survived his wife, whose demise occurred in 1856.

Mr. Schunemann exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but has never sought nor held office. He attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal church but is not a member thereof. He has lived in this county for a half century and there is no better evidence of the sterling worth of his character than the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from youth, having found him true to high principles in every relation of life.

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#### ERNST KUEHN.

Ernst Kuehn, who devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Oak Grove township, is the owner of a farm of eighty-one and a half acres on section 2 and in its operation has won success. His birth occurred in Hubbard township, Dodge county, on the 7th of August, 1878, his parents being William and Louisa (Schwanke) Kuehn, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States about 1871 and came direct to this county, settling in Hubbard township, where he purchased a farm and spent the remainder of his life. His demise in 1907 was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had gained an extensive circle of friends during the period of his residence in this county, which covered more than a third of a century. His widow, who still survives, makes her home with our subject.

Ernst Kuehn, the youngest in a family of nine children, obtained his early education in the schools of his native township and subsequently attended the high school at Horicon for two terms. He remained on the home farm and assisted in its operation until thirty-one years of age, when he purchased a tract of eighty-one and a half acres two and a half miles west of Horicon, the further

cultivation and improvement of which has since claimed his time and attention. In connection with the production of cereals he raises enough stock for his own use, and in his labors as an agriculturist has won a creditable measure of prosperity.

In politics Mr. Kuehn is a stalwart democrat but he has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church at Horicon. He has lived in Dodge county from his birth to the present time and is widely and favorably known within its borders.

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#### JOHN W. MILLER.

Among Beaver Dam's successful business men, the men who have made for themselves a notable name and place, and in promoting individual interests have also contributed to public prosperity, is John W. Miller, vice president of the German National Bank. The greater part of his life has been devoted to the marble business and in that field of activity he won a substantial measure of his success. He was born in Columbus, Wisconsin, February 22, 1856, and is a son of J. C. and Catherine (Linck) Miller, both of whom were of German birth and crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1853. They became residents of Columbus, Wisconsin, and were there married. The father purchased land and engaged in farming until 1872, when he took up his abode in the city of Columbus, where he resided to the time of his death in July, 1894. His widow survived him for about eleven years and passed away in February, 1905. They were consistent members of the Methodist church and commanded the high regard of all who knew them.

John W. Miller was the only son in a family of four children. At the usual age he entered the public schools of his native city, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high-school student. He entered business circles in his boyhood days as an employe in a harness shop, working at that trade for a year, after which he learned the marble-cutting trade, which he followed until he reached the age of twenty-three. In 1879 he came to Beaver Dam, where he entered the firm of Turner & Blumenthal as a partner under the style of Turner, Miller & Blumenthal. He continued in the business world in that connection for nineteen years, at the end of which time he purchased his partner's interests and became owner of the Beaver Dam Marble Works. After carrying on the business for twelve years he sold out and has since lived practically retired. In the meantime he had enjoyed an enviable patronage, for excellent workmanship and honorable dealing had commended him to the confidence of the public. He has been well known in banking circles as the vice president of the old German National Bank since 1907. He is one of the stockholders and secretary of the Beaver Dam Woolen Mills and at one time was president of the Beaver Dam Malleable Iron Range Company, of which he still remains as a director. He is likewise a director of the Beaver Dam Malleable Iron Works and the Beaver Dam Manufacturing Company. Keen sagacity and unflagging enterprise are salient features in his success and have brought him to his present enviable position.



JOHN W. MILLER

In 1880 Mr. Miller was married to Miss Josephine Kluckhohn, of Columbus, a daughter of the Rev. F. Kluckhohn, who is of German descent and came here at an early day. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born five children, of whom two sons and two daughters are yet living: Clarence E., who is assistant cashier of the First National Bank, of Columbus, Wisconsin; Albert G., assistant cashier of the German National Bank, of Beaver Dam; Gertrude, who is a bookkeeper in the German National Bank; and Edith, at home. A daughter, Goldie, died at the age of nineteen years.

The parents are members of the Methodist church and guide their lives by its teachings. Mr. Miller belongs to the Masonic order and to Beaver Dam Commandery, K. T. In politics he is a republican and has filled a number of local offices. At one time he was candidate for county treasurer and, although defeated, he ran far ahead of his ticket, which indicates his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. For fourteen years he has been a member of the school board and his influence has been cast on the side of many progressive movements for the benefit of public education here. He started out in life empty-handed but determination and energy have paved the way to success for him. He early realized that there is no royal road to wealth but that industry and determination will conquer all obstacles. Accordingly, in utilizing these qualities in large measure, he has gained for himself the present enviable position which he occupies among the business men of Beaver Dam.

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#### WILLIAM H. BECKEN.

William H. Becken was for many years prominently and widely known in Beaver Dam as a successful and expert jeweler. He has now abandoned this field of activity and is engaged in general merchandising. He has met in this occupation with all the prosperity and progress which attended his former line of endeavor and is recognized as a man who is doing more than his share to contribute to the growth of his city. He was born in Waterloo, Wisconsin, December 25, 1869. His father was a native of Germany and followed farming in that country for a number of years. He also served in the fatherland as secretary to King William and was loyal and faithful to the institutions of his native land. He was a successful and prosperous man, entirely self-made. His only learning was that which he derived from extensive and varied reading. He farmed in Newville township, Jefferson county, Wisconsin, for a number of years and gained prosperity and success in this line. A few years previous to his death he retired from active life and removed to the city of Waterloo, Wisconsin, in 1883. His wife in her maidenhood was Miss Johanna Lamphool and their marriage occurred in Wisconsin. Four children were born to their union: August D., of Lakemills, Wisconsin; Charles F., a resident of Waterloo; William H., the subject of this sketch; and Lydia, who died at the age of three years.

William H. Becken was reared at home and received his education in the public schools of Waterloo. He later attended high school in that city, laying aside his books at the age of seventeen. He served an apprenticeship in the jewelry business, followed by a course in horology at Laporte, Indiana, thus fitting himself to engage in a lucrative and specialized branch of his chosen oc-

cupation. He followed this line for a number of years and did special work as instructor in the Laporte schools for one year, at the end of which time he established himself in the jewelry business in Beaver Dam, opening a store on February 1, 1903. He located in the old Tippenhauer building, from which he later removed to the Wagner block. He was prosperous and successful as a jeweler, building up his business from a comparatively small beginning to one of the most flourishing enterprises of its kind in the city. He eventually disposed of his interests in this line of occupation to Bailey & Company, on February 24, 1909, and purchased the general merchandise business of B. E. Lawton. He has been operating this along modern and progressive lines since that time and has met with a gratifying degree of success. His store is tastefully and attractively arranged and his stock is complete in every detail. Mr. Becken has brought to its management a business discernment and a judicious mind combined with commercial shrewdness and ability of a high order. His success is natural, based as it is upon qualities which insure prosperity.

On the 3d of June, 1896, Mr. Becken was united in marriage to Miss Lydia E. Martin, a daughter of Jacob and Mary A. Martin, of Beaver Dam. Mrs. Becken was one of seven children: Jacob and Carrie, both of whom are deceased; Rose, who is Mrs. R. A. Welch of Beaver Dam; Lydia, the wife of our subject; Laura E., who married A. Robinson and is residing in Huron, South Dakota; Elsie, who became the wife of H. Montgomery of Hartford, Wisconsin; and Alfred, who is living in Beaver Dam. Mrs. Becken is a charming woman of many attainments and has many friends in Beaver Dam who have known her from childhood. She and her husband are the parents of two children: Carl M., born March 13, 1897; and Adela, whose birth occurred on March 31, 1902, and who is a student in Wayland Academy.

Mr. Becken gives his allegiance to the democratic party but is not personally active in public affairs, preferring to devote his attention to the progress and expansion of his mercantile enterprise. He is prominent in Masonry, belonging to the lodge and chapter and is also active in the affairs of the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Royal Arcanum. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America in which organization he has served as clerk for eleven years, his term expiring in 1911. Mr. Becken has been successful in the broad lines of activity which have marked his career as a resident of Beaver Dam. He is an expert manager with sound business judgment and keen discernment, and his store is justly accounted a leading commercial enterprise.

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#### J. R. KRUEGER.

J. R. Krueger, who is now living retired on his farm of sixty-eight acres on section 3, Oak Grove township, also owns another improved tract of eighty-one and two-thirds acres here and was for a number of years actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits. His birth occurred at Cologne on the Rhine, Germany, on the 2d of September, 1842, his parents being Charles and Christina (Duezing) Krueger, who were likewise natives of that country. The father there followed farming throughout his entire business career and passed away in 1910 at the age of eighty-nine years and six months. The mother is still living in Germany.

J. R. Krueger obtained his education in the schools of the fatherland and when fourteen and a half years of age began learning the molders trade, working at that occupation until he entered the regular army, in which he served for seven years and nine months. In 1872 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and after spending a couple of weeks in New York made his way to Detroit, Michigan, where he was employed as a molder for eighteen months. At the end of that time he removed to Hartford, Wisconsin, and there worked for ten years. On the expiration of that period he bought the farm of sixty-eight acres on which he now resides and also came into possession of another improved tract of eighty-one and two-thirds acres, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits until the death of his wife in 1901. For the past eleven years he has lived in honorable retirement, renting his land and employing the services of a housekeeper. He won success in his undertakings as a farmer and has long been numbered among the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community.

In October, 1873, Mr. Krueger was united in marriage to Miss Christiana Ohldreg, who was born in Greifswald, Pommern, Germany, on the 27th of September, 1835. Two children were born unto them, namely: Charles, who is engaged in the furniture business in Chicago and Mary, who is employed as cashier by Siegel, Cooper & Company of Chicago. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 5th of May, 1901.

At the polls Mr. Krueger supports the men and measures of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. The honors and emoluments of office, however, have never had any attraction for him. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. Coming to the new world in early manhood, he here found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has won a place among the prosperous and representative citizens of this county.

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#### HERMAN A. BECKER.

Herman A. Becker, a prosperous and leading agriculturist of Oak Grove township, is the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred and forty-one acres and makes a specialty of dairying. His birth occurred near Juneau, Dodge county, on the 18th of November, 1866, his parents being August and Christine (Lindemann) Becker, both of whom were natives of Germany. August Becker accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States about 1847, the family home being established at Mayville, Wisconsin, and for some time thereafter he worked for others. Subsequently he purchased a house and two-acre lot in Juneau and also bought a cow but was obliged to borrow the necessary pails in which to put the milk. He made his home on that place for several years and during that period worked at any employment that offered itself. Trading his property for a sixty-acre farm a mile and a half west of Juneau, he began the operation of the place and was successfully engaged in its further cultivation and improvement throughout the remainder of his life. His demise occurred when his son Herman was but six months old. It was in this county that he had wedded Miss Christine Lindemann, who continued to reside on the home farm until she passed away in 1886.

Herman A. Becker, the youngest in a family of five children, obtained his education in the schools of Juneau. After putting aside his text-books he worked for others at intervals, residing with his widowed mother and also assisting in the operation of the home place. When a young man of twenty-three years he purchased the homestead and two years later, in 1891, disposed of the property and bought two hundred and forty-one acres of land on sections 28, 29 and 32 in Oak Grove township in association with his brother-in-law. They carried on general agricultural pursuits in partnership for nine years, on the expiration of which period Mr. Becker purchased the interest of his brother-in-law and has since remained the sole owner of the farm. He has made a number of substantial improvements on the property, which at the present time is well equipped in every particular. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he makes a specialty of dairying and likewise devotes considerable attention to the raising of pure-bred Holstein cattle. He is a stockholder in the Juneau Telephone Company and in the cooperative store at Juneau and well deserves recognition among the enterprising and representative citizens of his native county.

On the 22d of November, 1891, Mr. Becker was united in marriage to Miss Frances Sell, who was born in the northwest part of Jefferson county, Wisconsin, near Columbus, in September, 1874, her parents being Herman and Bertha (Kramer) Sell. Her mother resides in Watertown. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Becker have been born six children, as follows: Arthur, whose birth occurred on the 11th of August, 1892; Alex, whose natal day was December 14, 1893; Herbert, who was born on the 28th of September, 1895; Leonard, born February 17, 1898; Harold, who was born October 13, 1908; and Rubin, born September 18, 1912. The parents also have an adopted daughter, Oda, who was born April 1, 1891, and whom they adopted as an orphan at the age of thirteen years.

In politics Mr. Becker is an independent democrat and, though often urged to become a candidate for office, has always declined to enter public life, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Reformed church at Juneau and he also belongs to the American Society of Equity. He is interested in all that pertains to progressive public movements, although he has always shunned public office, and both in citizenship and in private life he has manifested the sterling traits of character which everywhere command respect and regard.

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#### JOHN C. GRINER.

John C. Griner, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Dodge county, is successfully engaged in business at Rolling Prairie as a general merchant. His birth occurred at Watertown, New York, on the 2d of December, 1864, his parents being John Jacob and Catharine (Gall) Griner, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born on the 5th of April, 1822, while the mother's natal year was 1829. Their marriage was celebrated in the Empire state. John Jacob Griner served his term in the regular army of Germany and then emigrated to the United States, locating at Munnsville, New York, where he worked at the trade of shoemaking. Subsequently he made his way to Watertown, that

state, there residing until the winter of 1865, when he came to Wisconsin. After spending about a year at Theresa he came to Rolling Prairie in 1866 and here worked as a shoemaker for about fifteen years. On the expiration of that period he began farming here, cultivating rented land until 1884, when he again took up his abode in Rolling Prairie, where he is still living at the advanced age of about ninety-one years. After putting aside the active work of the fields, not being content to live in idleness, he busied himself as a carpet weaver. While in New York he enlisted for service in the Civil war but procured a substitute by making him a pair of boots. He has now been a resident of Dodge county for forty-seven years and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Griner celebrated their golden wedding. The wife was called to her final rest in 1902. Their children are eight in number, namely: William, a carpenter and builder of Beaver Dam; Louise, who is the widow of William Wampole and resides in Chicago; George, who resides at Rolling Prairie and acts as station agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company; Carrie, the wife of Charles Wing, a decorator and contractor of Chicago; Minnie, who is the wife of Edward Ralston, a furniture dealer of El Centro, California; John C., of this review; Nellie, who makes her home in Rolling Prairie; and Charles, who lives in Chicago and is an employee of the Edison Electric Company.

In the acquirement of an education John C. Griner attended the schools of Rolling Prairie and South Beaver Dam. On attaining his majority he began work at the carpenter's trade here and about two years later entered the service of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company as a carpenter, being thus employed for six years and traveling considerably over the state. Subsequently he spent a year with the Wisconsin Agricultural Society at Milwaukee and then returned to Rolling Prairie, here resuming work at the carpenter's trade and later being employed by the railroad company for a short period. He then purchased a building in which he has since conducted business, carrying a line of general merchandise and enjoying a gratifying patronage. Above the store is a public hall. In connection with his mercantile interests Mr. Griner has also been engaged in carpentering, and he is widely known throughout the community as an industrious, enterprising and respected citizen.

On the 14th of July, 1903, Mr. Griner was united in marriage to Miss Nevada Hawley, who was born in Franktown, Nevada, on the 2d of April, 1862, her parents being Wright and Phoebe (Bentley) Hawley, natives of Dutchess county, New York. The mother was born in 1834, the father being some years her senior. Wright Hawley journeyed westward across the plains in 1859 and engaged in mining in Nevada, being identified with that line of work until he passed away about 1875. His widow, who still survives, makes her home in Rolling Prairie. It was in 1842 that her parents took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Dodge county, Wisconsin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hawley were born five children, as follows: Francis and Mary, both of whom are deceased; Mrs. Nevada Griner; Albert, who has passed away; and Ardell, who died in 1900 and was the wife of Albert Yates of Oak Grove township.

Mr. Griner is a democrat and has ably served in the capacity of justice of the peace and also as constable, but his aspirations have not been in the line of



office holding. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Lodge No. 72, at Beaver Dam, in which he has passed through the chairs. In business life he is well known for his alert and enterprising spirit, and his salient qualities and characteristics are such as win honor and success. Practically his entire life has been spent in this county and therefore his record cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers.

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#### RICHARD FREDERICK OTTO.

A good farm of eighty-three acres on section 28, Oak Grove township, pays tribute to the care and cultivation bestowed upon it by its present owner, Richard Frederick Otto. Everything about the place is neat in appearance and indicates his progressive spirit and thrift and the practical methods which he pursues in tilling the soil and caring for the crops. His birth occurred in Pommern, Germany, on the 3d of April, 1882, his parents being Frederick and Johanna (Jaeger) Otto, who were likewise natives of that province. The father, who worked for others during his entire business career, passed away in Germany about 1892. In 1894 the mother and children emigrated to the United States and located in Ashippun township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, where they resided for about five years. Subsequently Mrs. Otto made her home in Hustisford township with her son Emil, who operated a rented farm there. Since 1910 she has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Schmiedeke, in Clyman township, this county.

Richard F. Otto, who was a lad of twelve years when he came to this country with his widowed mother, attended school in Ashippun township, Dodge county. When a youth of fifteen he secured employment as a farm hand in Hustisford township and later went to other parts of the county, working at farm labor until the time of his marriage. Following that important event in his life he cultivated rented land in Hustisford township for one year and then purchased and located on a farm of eighty-three acres one mile south of Juneau, on which he has remained continuously since. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he is engaged in dairying to some extent, both branches of his business yielding him a gratifying annual income. He is likewise a stockholder in the Essman cheese factory, which is located near his farm.

On the 28th of January, 1904, Mr. Otto was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Griep, who was born in Pommern, Germany, on the 30th of November, 1879, her parents being Herman and Amelia (Bishop) Griep, also natives of that province. The father served as a soldier in the regular army of Germany. In 1882 Mr. and Mrs. Griep emigrated to the United States, spending about a year in Lebanon township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and subsequently taking up their abode on a rented farm in Hustisford township. Later Mr. Griep purchased a tract of land in that township and thereon spent the remainder of his life, passing away on the 13th of December, 1906. His widow now makes her home with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Otto have two children: Alice, who was born on the 27th of November, 1905; and Amos, whose birth occurred on the 4th of May, 1911.

Politically Mr. Otto is a staunch democrat, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He is a devoted member of the Lutheran church at Juneau and exemplifies its teachings in his daily life. Although still young in years, he gives promise of attaining the best of success in farming pursuits, as he possesses the determination of purpose and energy that invariably enable their possessor to reach the desired goal.

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#### HERMAN RORSCHNEIDER.

Herman Rorschneider, who follows general agricultural pursuits in Oak Grove township, is the owner of a farm of seventy-nine acres on section 32 and in its operation has won well deserved prosperity. His birth occurred in Pommern, Germany, on the 23d of December, 1857, his parents being Carl and Caroline (Brahmer) Rorschneider, who were likewise natives of that province. The mother died in Germany. In 1882 the father emigrated to the United States with his family, settling first in Clyman township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he worked for others for some time. Subsequently he purchased a small farm in Oak Grove township, making his home thereon until called to his final rest about 1909.

In the acquirement of an education Herman Rorschneider attended the schools of his native land. When a young man of twenty-five years he was married and immediately afterward set sail for the United States. Making his way to this county, he worked for one year in a brickyard at Lowell and subsequently was employed as a farm hand for about five years. On the expiration of that period he rented a tract of land here, being busily engaged in its cultivation for about twelve years. At the end of that time he purchased a farm of seventy-nine acres on section 32, Oak Grove township, the operation of which has claimed his attention continuously since. The modern buildings and other substantial improvements which adorn the property stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. All of his land is rich and arable and annually yields good crops which find a ready sale on the market. He also devotes some attention to live-stock interests, keeping about twenty head of cattle. In his work he has always followed modern methods, keeping abreast with the times as advancement is made in agricultural lines.

In March, 1882, Mr. Rorschneider was united in marriage to Miss Lena Prust, who was born in the province of Pommern, Germany, on the 16th of December, 1857. Her mother passed away in that country and her father afterward emigrated to the United States, coming to Wisconsin about one year later than our subject located here. He made his home in Jefferson county until his death, which occurred about 1895. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rorschneider have been born six children, as follows: Henry, who is an agriculturist of Dodge county and makes his home near Waupun; John, a farmer living near Minnesota Junction in Oak Grove township; Amanda, the wife of August Putter, who is an agriculturist of Lowell township; Otto, who assists his father in the operation of the home farm; and Paul and William, who are deceased.

Mr. Rorschneider is independent in politics, preferring not to be bound by

party ties when exercising his right of franchise. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, belonging to the church of that denomination at Oak Grove. Coming to the United States in early manhood, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunities offered in a land unhampered by caste or class and has steadily worked his way upward to a place among the representative and esteemed citizens of his community. The period of his residence in Dodge county covers three decades, and the number of his friends has increased as the circle of his acquaintance has widened.

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#### JOHN MARTIN ZEIMAN.

John Martin Zeiman, owning and operating a well improved farm of one hundred and eighteen acres in Hubbard township, devotes his attention principally to dairying and has won prosperity in his undertakings. His birth occurred in Hustisford, Dodge county, on the 26th of December, 1870, his parents being Henry and Christina (Schultz) Zeiman. The father, who was born in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, on the 7th of June, 1844, worked at the blacksmith's trade in early manhood and subsequently became a veterinary surgeon. He also became identified with agricultural pursuits and owned two farms in Hubbard township, this county, one comprising one hundred and eighteen acres and the other one hundred and twenty-seven acres. He served as constable at Hustisford and has acted as supervisor at Horicon, where he still makes his home. He has been married four times. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died at the age of twenty-six years, when her son, John M., was but three months old. For his second wife he chose Mrs. Hannah Greasly, who passed away nine months later. Mr. Zeiman then married Miss Marguerite Fuiten, with whom he traveled life's journey for twelve years. The lady who now bears his name was Miss Louisa Krueger and was born in Hubbard township on the 18th of July, 1854.

John Martin Zeiman started out as an agriculturist on his own account when twenty-seven years of age, beginning the operation of a farm of one hundred and eighteen acres which he received from his father and on which he has resided continuously since. The land is rich and arable and responds readily to cultivation. Mr. Zeiman has erected a new residence and has improved the buildings generally, so that his is now a model farming property. He devotes his time and energies largely to dairying and in this branch of activity has won a well merited measure of success.

On the 14th of May, 1902, Mr. Zeiman was united in marriage to Miss Selma Schumacher, who was born in the town of Clyman, this county, on the 8th of May, 1879, her parents being Martin and Marie (Deutschman) Schumacher, natives of Germany. The father's birth occurred on the 13th of January, 1837, while the mother's natal day was February 7, 1845. Mr. Schumacher, who followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, served for four years as a Union soldier in the Civil war, participating in many battles and being wounded twice. Mr. and Mrs. Zeiman have one child, Alice, who was born on the 22d of February, 1904, and is now attending school.

Politically Mr. Zeiman is a stanch republican. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend and he has done able service in its behalf, acting as school clerk for six years and as school treasurer for three years. His religious faith is that of the Evangelical church. Both he and his wife are natives of Dodge county, where they have spent their entire lives and they are thus well known in this section of the state, being numbered among the esteemed residents of Hubbard township.

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ALBERT A. ZIMMERMAN.

Albert A. Zimmerman is engaged in the drug business in Beaver Dam, for which undertaking he made scientific preparation that, added to his practical experience in that line, well qualifies him for the conduct of one of the leading stores of this character in the city. He has been a lifelong resident of the Mississippi valley, his birth having occurred in Rochester, Minnesota, May 30, 1866. His parents were J. C. and Mary (Malich) Zimmerman, the latter of German birth, coming to the United States when twelve years of age. The father, a native of Syracuse, New York, removed westward to Wisconsin as a young man and settled on school land in Dodge county. He has since been a resident here with the exception of two years passed in Minnesota and three years in Fall River, Wisconsin. He is now living retired in Beaver Dam, enjoying a rest which is the legitimate reward of years of earnest, persistent and well directed labor. In the family were ten children, of whom nine are still living, the eldest child having died in infancy. The others are: Albert A.; Helene, at home; Mary, the wife of Arthur Radtke, of Beaver Dam; Emma, the wife of Frank Schmutzler, of this city; William, whose home is in Channing, Michigan, where he is acting as chief train dispatcher for the St. Paul Railroad; Louis, of Beaver Dam; Amelia, the wife of Oscar Kneehaus, of St. Louis; Etta, the wife of Ed Kneehaus, also a resident of Missouri; and Charles, living in Beaver Dam.

Long residence in this city has made Albert A. Zimmerman well known to his fellow townsmen. His early education was acquired in the public schools and he was graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison with the class of 1887, there pursuing a pharmaceutical course. For three and a half years he clerked in the drug store of Peter Beule and was employed elsewhere in a similar capacity for several years; but laudable ambition prompted him to save his earnings in the hope of one day engaging in business on his own account, and in 1892, in partnership with J. D. Flack, he purchased a drug store which they conducted together until 1895, when Mr. Zimmerman purchased Mr. Flack's interest and has since been sole proprietor. He now has a well appointed store, carrying a large and carefully selected line of drugs and druggists' sundries, and the tasteful arrangement of his store constitutes a strong feature of his success.

On the 19th of May, 1892, occurred the marriage of Albert A. Zimmerman and Miss Ida Gallum, of Beaver Dam, and unto them have been born a son, Walter, who at the age of eighteen years is associated with his father in busi-

ness. The parents are members of the Beavers and Mr. Zimmerman belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a public-spirited man whose cooperation may be counted upon to further measures and projects for the general good. He early recognized the fact that industry is the basis of all honorable success, and the exercise of that quality throughout his business career has placed him in a creditable position among the merchants of his city.

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#### EVAN RICHARDS.

Evan Richards, who has remained within the borders of Dodge county throughout his entire life, covering a period of more than six decades, has been engaged in general agricultural pursuits since early manhood and now owns and operates a farm of thirty acres in the village of Oak Grove. He likewise conducts an attractive and well patronized hostelry on the place, which is known as Oak Grove. His birth occurred in Oak Grove township on the 9th of September, 1848, his parents being Evan and Margaret (Meigs) Richards, the former a native of Wales and the latter of the state of New York. Evan Richards, Sr., emigrated to the United States in 1844 and made his way direct to Dodge county, Wisconsin. He preempted a tract of government land, walking from here to Green Bay for that purpose, and took up his abode one mile north of the village of Oak Grove. With characteristic energy he cleared and improved his property, continuing to reside thereon until called to his final rest in December, 1897. As his financial resources increased he purchased land from time to time until at one period his holdings embraced three hundred and eighty acres in Oak Grove township. The period of his residence in this county covered almost six decades and he became widely and favorably known as one of its prosperous agriculturists and enterprising citizens. His wife passed away on the old homestead, August 17, 1900.

Evan Richards, who was the fourth in order of birth in a family of nine children attended the district schools of Oak Grove township in the acquirement of an education. He remained under the parental roof until after he had attained his majority and when about twenty-three years of age undertook the management of the home farm in association with his brothers. Subsequently he received his share of the estate and also purchased a farm of his own in Beaver Dam township, making his home thereon for eighteen years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and during the following two years lived retired in Juneau. He then purchased and located on a tract of thirty acres within the village limits of Oak Grove and has cultivated the same continuously since. His beautiful, old-fashioned home, known as Oak Grove, has been converted into a hotel and he conducts the same most successfully.

On the 22d of June, 1886, Mr. Richards was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Corwith, a native of Lowell township, Dodge county, and a daughter of John and Hulda Jane (Moon) Corwith. The father was born in Cayuga county, New York, in 1822, while the mother's birth occurred near Clyde, Ohio, in 1823. As a young man John Corwith taught school in the Empire

ship; Otto, who carries on farming in the same township; and Lydia, who is with her parents.

Henry J. C. Stueber acquired his education in the public schools of Clyman township and the German school at Watertown, Wisconsin. He was reared on the old homestead farm and there remained until the 16th of February, 1903, when he turned his attention to commercial pursuits, joining his uncle in the ownership and conduct of a store in Clyman. This partnership continued until the spring of 1905, when the uncle sold his interest, and the purchaser soon afterward sold to Frank Klatt, father-in-law of Mr. Stueber, who has since been associated with him in the business. They have greatly enlarged their stock and now have one of the most extensive stores of the kind, carrying a very attractive line of general merchandise, while their business methods commend them to the patronage and confidence of the public. Mr. Stueber is also a stockholder in the Bank of Clyman and has made judicious investment in property, owning two of the best residences in the town. He devotes his entire time to his business and his close application and energy have been the salient features in his success.

On the 22d of June, 1904, Mr. Stueber was married to Miss Lydia Klatt, who was born in Clyman township in August, 1887, and is a daughter of Frank and Anna (Willie) Klatt, both natives of Germany. There are two children of this marriage: Frieda, born December 13, 1905; and Ruth, born May 5, 1911. In politics Mr. Stueber is an independent democrat but has never aspired to office. He holds membership in the Lutheran church and honorable principles characterize his life, making him well worthy of the high regard that is uniformly tendered him. He is an enterprising, diligent man and progressive citizen, who well deserves mention among the representative residents of Dodge county.

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#### CHARLES WARD.

Charles Ward, the oldest settler in Hubbard township, is now serving his twelfth year as assessor of Horicon. His birth occurred in Greenfield township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of March, 1840, his parents being Hiram K. and Mary (Loope) Ward, both of whom were natives of New York. The father followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. In October, 1843, he brought his family to Wisconsin, locating about a mile and a half east of Horicon at Bacon Corners. Subsequently he took up his abode at Dunn's Corners, four miles east of Horicon, there residing until about 1858. At that time he removed to Marengo, McHenry county, Illinois, where he purchased a farm and spent the remainder of his life, passing away about 1883. His wife was called to her final rest in April, 1899. Hiram K. Ward held various local offices and was widely recognized as a worthy and representative citizen of his community.

Charles Ward obtained his early education in the district schools of Hubbard township and also studied at Horicon for a short time, but his advantages in this direction were limited. However, by reading, observation and experience he constantly augmented his knowledge until he became a well informed

man. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age and then began working for others as a farm hand. In August, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a private of Company C, Twenty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Connit. In May, 1863, he met with an accident and was discharged on account of disability, spending a few months in the hospital at Helena, Arkansas. After returning home he purchased a yoke of oxen and for two years was engaged in farming. Subsequently he went to work in the foundry at the Van Brunt plant, being thus employed until about 1902. At that time he was stricken with paralysis of the muscles, resigned his position and has since lived practically retired. He was the owner of a fine tract of six acres within the city limits but has recently sold the property to his son.

On the 5th of March, 1865, Mr. Ward was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Cody, who was born at Seneca Falls, New York, on the 17th of May, 1847, her parents being Edward and Susanna (MacParland) Cody, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of John Freeman, deceased, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Ward. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children, namely: Susan, whose birth occurred on the 1st of July, 1866, and who passed away on the 10th of May, 1873; Ellen, who was born on the 8th of June, 1870, and is the wife of Charles J. Webber, a painter and paper hanger of Juneau; and Charles E., born July 12, 1872, who is employed as a machinist in the Van Brunt factory at Horicon.

In politics Mr. Ward is a stalwart democrat. He is now serving in the capacity of city assessor for the twelfth year and has also held the offices of deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy game warden, etc., ever discharging the duties devolving upon him in an efficient and highly commendable manner. He is a devout communicant of the Roman Catholic church and also belongs to the Catholic Knights and the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife is a prominent member of the Alter Society at Horicon. His record well deserves a place in the history of Dodge county, for he is the oldest settler in Hubbard township and has long been numbered among the respected and esteemed citizens of his community.

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#### DANIEL C. VAN BRUNT.

Time gives the perspective which places every individual in his proper relation to the age and district in which he lives. If his worth is of substantial character and his work of real value to the world time but heightens his fame and brings a truer appreciation for what he has done. In the case of Daniel C. Van Brunt the years have established his position as one to whom Horicon and Dodge county owe a debt of gratitude while the agricultural world at large places him with that class of men whose labors and inventive genius have constituted a vital element for improvement and progress.

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tions until almost the middle of the nineteenth century the family was represented in New York. Charles Van Brunt, the father of Daniel C. Van Brunt, was born in New York. Daniel C. Van Brunt was also a native of the Empire state, born February 8, 1818, and his youthful days were spent in the usual manner of farm lads of that period. The training which he received from the work in the fields stood him in good stead in later years when he began studying the needs of the farmer and attempted the improvement of agricultural machinery then in use. Before he entered upon his career as an inventor and manufacturer, however, he learned and for a time followed the wagon-maker's trade, conducting a wagon shop at Maysville. He turned from this, however, to assist his brother, George, in working out his ideas concerning the improvement of seeding machines and they became the originators of the now world-famous Van Brunt seeders. Practically the entire development of seeding machines has taken place in the last half century. Previous to 1860 when the brothers placed upon the market a broadcast seeder that would successfully do the work nearly all seeding of small grain was done by hand. With only an interruption that covered but a brief period the business thus begun has been continued to the present time. Improvement after improvement has been made and the demand for the output has increased until the business in volume and importance is second to none in the world. For some time the interests were conducted under a partnership relation but eventually the business was incorporated and Daniel C. Van Brunt remained as president to the time of his death, which occurred January 14, 1901.

In early manhood Daniel C. Van Brunt was married to Miss Mary Fasset, who died September 18, 1852. There were three children of that union but Willard A. Van Brunt, the president of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company, is the only one now living. For his second wife Mr. Van Brunt chose Mary Wright, who was born in New York, June 11, 1817. Of this marriage there were three children: Ida M., who is the widow of Stephen N. Campbell and resides in Horicon; Eliott, deceased; and Hattie, who was the wife of W. A. Wilcox and died in 1909. The son married Miss Edith Boeing, of Horicon, and they became parents of two children: Blanch, the wife of Charles Reiley, of Milwaukee; and Daniel C., who is married and resides in Los Angeles, California. The mother of these children passed away April 9, 1881, and on the 17th of October, 1883, Mr. Van Brunt was again married, wedding Martha L. Moore, who was born at Cape Vincent, New York, and is a daughter of Robert and Almira (Holmes) Moore. Her mother was born in New York, January 20, 1819. Her father was a native of the north of Ireland and his mother was of Scotch birth while his father was of Scotch-Irish origin. In 1836 he came to Green Bay, Wisconsin, but because of the opposition of his wife and her people to a residence on the frontier he returned to the east and there engaged in farming, subsequently removing to Cape Vincent, New York. In that place he lived retired and there he educated his children. He held various local offices and was a man of considerable local prominence. In the family of Robert Moore and his wife were five children. John H., a veteran of the Civil war, was wounded at the battle of Ream's Station and was an invalid thereafter, having lost his right leg as a result of the wound. He served for fourteen years as postmaster at Cape Vincent and died in Rome, Italy. Charlotte J., the second of the family, died in infancy. Mrs. Van Brunt is the next younger. Mary J. is the widow of

Martin Eichelberger and makes her home with Mrs. Van Brunt. James D., now deceased, was bookkeeper in a large wholesale establishment in Chicago before the fire, after which he returned to the east.

Mr. Van Brunt held membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his widow is connected with the Eastern Star chapter at Beaver Dam, her father having been a prominent Mason, as was her brother James D. Moore. For fifty-five years Daniel C. Van Brunt was a resident of Wisconsin. Arriving in 1846, he here continued to reside until his death, which occurred on the 14th of January, 1901. He was one of the most respected and honored residents of Horicon and Dodge county, not only owing to the success he achieved but also to the straightforward business methods which he ever followed. His labors indeed constituted a valuable contribution to the world's work and have been an important element in furthering progress along agricultural lines.

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#### WILLIAM JOHN FREDERICK GERBITZ.

William John Frederick Gerbitz, successfully engaged in dairy farming, is the owner of a tract of land comprising one hundred and six acres in Clyman township. His birth occurred in Exonia township, Jefferson county, Wisconsin, on the 12th of February, 1858, his parents being William and Fredericka (Sumnicht) Gerbitz, both of whom were natives of the province of Pommern, Germany. The father was born on the 4th of February, 1826, while the mother's natal day was February 1, 1837. Their marriage was celebrated in Exonia township, Jefferson county. William Gerbitz emigrated to the United States in 1846 or 1848, while Fredericka Sumnicht crossed the Atlantic to this country seven years later. The father of our subject located first in Lebanon township, Dodge county, but soon afterward purchased a farm in Exonia township, Jefferson county, this state, residing thereon until 1875. In that year he disposed of the property and bought a tract of land in Emmet township, Dodge county, to the cultivation of which he devoted his attention until called to his final rest in the fall of 1901. He had resided here continuously for more than a quarter of a century and had won many friends throughout the community, so that his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. The demise of his wife occurred in the fall of 1896.

William J. F. Gerbitz, who was the third in order of birth in a family of twelve children, obtained his education in Lebanon township, attending a German school and receiving but little instruction in English. In the years that have since passed, however, he has constantly augmented his knowledge by reading, experience and observation and is now a well informed man. He remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage and continued on his father's farm for one year following that important event in his life. Subsequently he purchased his present place adjoining the village limits of Clyman, ten acres of which have been cut off by the new railroad. Mr. Gerbitz devotes his attention to dairying and his efforts in this connection have been attended with a well merited measure of success. He is a stockholder in the

cheese factory at Clyman Station and has long been numbered among the enterprising and progressive citizens of the community.

On the 16th of May, 1886, Mr. Gerbitz was united in marriage to Miss Rosalina Brandt, who was born in Germany on the 18th of August, 1855, her parents being Martin and Carolina (Bornflait) Brandt. Emigrating to the United States in 1871, they located on a farm in Emmet township, this county, and later removed to another farm on the North road, in the same township, where both passed away. Martin Brandt was called to his final rest in March, 1886, while the demise of his wife occurred in May, 1885. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gerbitz were born two children, namely: Mata, whose birth occurred on the 9th of March, 1887; and Martin, whose natal day was April 10, 1891. Both are still at home with their father. The mother passed away on the 7th of April, 1901.

At the polls Mr. Gerbitz casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He belongs to the German Lutheran church at Clyman and exemplifies its teachings in his daily life. He has always lived in this part of the state and the circle of his friends is a wide one. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his community.

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#### CHESTER WRIGHT HARVEY.

Chester Wright Harvey, who has resided in Beaver Dam for a half century, has long been numbered among its prominent and leading citizens and for the past twenty years has contributed in substantial measure to the success of the Dodge County Fair in the capacity of secretary. His birth occurred in Hamilton, Madison county, New York, on the 13th of August, 1849, his parents being Fay M. and Mary M. (Lewis) Harvey. In 1862 the family came west, arriving in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on the 22d of November of that year. Fay M. Harvey was successfully engaged in business as the proprietor of a meat market for thirty years and after his demise the establishment was conducted by his son, Chester W., until the 1st of April, 1894. The father passed away on the 1st of May, 1881, mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances as well as his immediate family. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party, the men and measures of which he supported at the polls. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Scelletta, who is the wife of George M. Foot; Lewellyn L., who passed away in Chicago when fifty-nine years of age; Rosette, the wife of Dr. S. Curtis, of Madison, New York; Edgar M., who died when forty-five years old; Chester Wright, of this review; Harriet A., the wife of I. N. Berkeley; and Sarah Elizabeth, who is the wife of J. S. Gibson and resides in Beaver Dam.

Chester Wright Harvey supplemented his early education, obtained in the public schools of Morrisville, New York, by a course of study in the high school at Beaver Dam and in private schools. When fifteen years of age he put aside his text-books and joined his father in the meat market. In other lines of

business activity and public endeavor his cooperation has been sought and given. He is a director of the Old National Bank, trustee and chairman of the executive board of Wayland Academy, superintendent of Oakwood cemetery and president of the Masonic Temple Association. For seven years he served as chief of the fire department and for a similar period acted as president of the Wisconsin State Firemen's Association, while for thirty years he was secretary of the local hook and ladder company. Probably his most important work has been done as secretary of the Dodge County Fair, in which capacity he has been active in its management for twenty years, doing much to stimulate interest in the exhibits and encourage the spirit of friendly rivalry. For six years he has also been a member of the Wisconsin state board of agriculture.

On the 30th of October, 1872, Mr. Harvey was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary M. Brown, a daughter of John P. and Laura Brown, of Newark, New Jersey. Mrs. Mary M. Harvey is one of a family of five children, the others being as follows: Laura A., of Beaver Dam; Frank L., who is a resident of Newark, New Jersey; William G., living in Whiting, Iowa; and Edwin P., a resident of Beaver Dam. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey had two children, namely: Eva, who passed away in 1905 when twenty-six years of age; and Ethel, who died in 1885, at the age of twelve.

Mr. Harvey is a staunch democrat in politics and has served as mayor of Beaver Dam for five terms, discharging his official prerogatives in support of many measures of reform and improvement. During several terms' service as a member of the school board he did much to advance the cause of education. He belonged to the Wisconsin National Guard for one year. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Dodge County Lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M., the chapter, the commandery and the Eastern Star. His genial disposition has made for him a circle of warm friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. He possesses, moreover, those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime win confidence, respect and goodwill, and by the consensus of public opinion he is accorded a prominent place among the valued citizens of Dodge county.

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### JULIUS ROBERT SCHULTZ.

Among the younger agriculturists who have been successful in their occupation in Hubbard township is Julius Robert Schultz, a native of Leroy township, of German descent. The father, Fred Schultz, was born in the Uckermark, Germany, May 28, 1843, and came to this country in 1860. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was drafted for service but, as he was at that time not in possession of citizen's papers, could not enlist. For ten years he worked as a farm hand in Leroy township and during this time, by strict economy, acquired the capital to invest in property of his own. He owned a farm in Leroy township but later moved to Williamstown. He was a man prominent in the public life of the community in which he made his home and filled various town and school offices. He was married to Louisa Schnorstein, who was born in Williamstown, Dodge county, near Kekoskee, on June 4, 1846.

Julius R. Schultz was born May 8, 1870, and was reared at home. He attended the district and German schools in pursuit of an education. He was brought up and confirmed in the faith of the Lutheran church and has ever since been affiliated with this denomination. At the age of seventeen he began active life by working on his father's farm for one year, becoming acquainted with the various branches of agriculture and gaining a knowledge which has stood him in good stead ever since. He then left the parental roof and for the following fifteen years farmed upon rented land. At the end of that period he bought a farm in Clark county, which he successfully cultivated for seven years. He then traded his property for farm land in Chester township, where he remained for five years. Disposing of this farm, he came to his present place in Hubbard township, in 1909, and here he has been engaged in farming along modern and progressive lines and has greatly improved his property. He has remodeled the residence and other buildings, has his fields well fenced and has installed modern and up-to-date machinery to facilitate farm labor. Beside general farming he pays special attention to dairying and the products of his dairy have gained a high reputation on account of the sanitary and cleanly conditions which exist in his establishment. The appearance of the farm well indicates the labor expended upon it and the ability Mr. Schultz possesses.

Mr. Schultz was married, February 3, 1891, to Miss Mary Gallie, who was born in Pennsylvania. Her father, Carl Gallie, was a native of Germany, born November 9, 1841, and came to America in the early part of 1869. The mother's maiden name was Rose Krueger, and she was also a native of the fatherland and was married to Mr. Gallie there. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz are the parents of three children: Louisa, who was born October 20, 1891, and died in infancy; Albert, born March 2, 1896; and Carl, born December 13, 1902.

The family attend the Lutheran church and in politics Mr. Schultz is independent, preferring to support men and measures irrespective of party, as his judgment dictates. Although he is not actively connected with political or public matters, he takes that interest in the general welfare which any high-minded citizen should. Along agricultural lines he has achieved a decided success, which not only secures gratifying financial results but plays an important part in the general agricultural development of this section. His farm is one of the model places in Hubbard township and its appearance speaks well for the ability of its owner. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have by their kindly ways acquired many friends and are highly esteemed by all who know them.

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#### CARL PIEPER.

Carl Pieper, who has lived retired in Horicon since 1903, was in former years actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in Dodge county and still owns an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Oak Grove township. His birth occurred in the province of Pommern, Germany, on the 31st of December, 1855, his parents being Carl and Eliza Pieper, who spent their entire lives in that country. He obtained his education in the schools of the fatherland and at the early age of ten years began provid-

ing for his own support. When a youth of sixteen, attracted by the favorable reports which he had heard concerning the advantages and opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and came direct to Dodge county, Wisconsin, working as a farm hand in Hustisford township for eight years. On the expiration of that period, having accumulated sufficient capital by dint of careful economy, he purchased a tract of land in Hubbard township and was busily engaged in its cultivation for seventeen years. At the end of that time he disposed of the property and bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Oak Grove township, devoting his attention to its operation until the fall of 1903. At that time he purchased a home in Horicon, where he has since lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. The farm of one hundred and twenty acres is still in his possession but for the past nine years he has leased the property. His record is indeed a creditable one, illustrating the power of industry and energy in the attainment of success. He was unable to speak a word of English at the time of his arrival in this country but eventually mastered the language and as the years passed worked his way steadily upward to a position among the respected and substantial citizens of his community.

In November, 1879, Mr. Pieper was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Swandt, who was born in Germany in July, 1857, her parents being August and Carrie Swandt. They emigrated to America about 1864, locating first in Oak Grove township, this county and later in Hubbard township, where Mrs. Swandt passed away some years afterward. August Swandt died in the home of our subject at Horicon. Mr. and Mrs. Pieper have two children, as follows: Helen, who is the wife of George Lehman, an agriculturist residing in Oak Grove township; and Louis, living with his parents, who is a fireman in the employ of the St. Paul Railroad.

Mr. Pieper is a stalwart democrat in politics but his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, belonging to the church of that denomination at Horicon. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought, which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man, and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Dodge county, where he has resided for more than four decades.

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#### JAMES J. FREEMAN.

James J. Freeman, superintendent of the foundry of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company, is one of Horicon's native sons, his birth having occurred on the 22d of August, 1865. His parents were John and Catherine (Crine) Freeman, both of whom were born in County Sligo, Ireland, the father's natal day being the 23d of December, 1818, and that of the mother February 6, 1824. They were reared and married in the land of their birth, where the father learned the tailor's trade. In the early years of their married life they came to

the United States, locating in Milwaukee, where the father worked at his trade. Later they removed to Horicon, and here he continued to follow tailoring until shortly prior to his death, which occurred in 1899. He had long survived the mother, who passed away in 1870. Our subject is the youngest of seven children.

James J. Freeman, who was a lad of but five years when his mother passed away, was reared at home and educated in the graded and high schools of Horicon, which he attended until he was a youth of thirteen years. Laying aside his schoolbooks he then entered the Van Brunt & Davis Foundry in the capacity of an apprentice. He continued in their service until they removed their plant to St. Louis Park, Minnesota, in 1892, when he removed to Illinois. The succeeding five years he spent at various points in that state, subsequently going to St. Louis Park, Minnesota. He remained there for about ten years, as an employe of the Monitor Manufacturing Company, and then returned to Horicon, resuming his connection with the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company. Mr. Freeman is thoroughly familiar with all of the details of his trade and in addition to his skill in this direction possesses high executive power, and is a thoroughly trustworthy and reliable man of business.

The religious faith of Mr. Freeman is manifested in his membership in the Roman Catholic church. Ever since granted the right of franchise, upon the attainment of his majority, he has given his unqualified support to the men and measures of the republican party, believing that the principles of this body are best adapted to subserve the interests of the working man. Mr. Freeman is unmarried. He has acquired a very pleasant modern residence in which he makes his home, and has through his thrift and diligence acquired a comfortable competence.

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#### JOSEPH J. NEUMAN.

Joseph J. Neuman, who is conducting a plumbing and heating establishment, is one of the native sons of Beaver Dam, born in 1874. His parents, Martin and Pauline Neuman, were natives of Germany and after coming to the new world established their home in this city. The father is a butcher by trade but is now living on a tract of land near the county seat.

Joseph J. Neuman was the fourth in order of birth in a family of nine children, and after acquiring a good education in the parochial schools he began learning the plumbing trade, thoroughly mastering the business in principle and detail so that he was well qualified to carry on an establishment of his own when his savings justified him in opening a store in 1897. Ten years later he removed to his present quarters at No. 119 Front street, where he has a modern establishment, doing all kinds of work in the plumbing and heating line. He has had important contracts awarded him in this connection and his patronage is steadily growing.

On the 21st of November, 1900, Mr. Neuman was married to Miss Rose Voreck, of Beaver Dam, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Voreck. Their two children are Leonard and Mary. The parents are members of St. Peter's Catho-

lic church and Mr. Neuman belongs to the Knights of Columbus. There have been no exciting chapters in Mr. Neuman's life record but industry has paved the way to success and he is now at the head of a profitable and growing business.

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#### EDWARD FREEMAN.

The late Edward Freeman, for many years a foreman in the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company at Horicon, was a native of Milwaukee, this state, his birth occurring on the 15th of August, 1850. He was one of seven children born to John and Catherine (Crine) Freeman. The parents were born, reared and married in County Sligo, Ireland, the father's natal day being the 23d of December, 1818, and that of the mother, February 6, 1824. They emigrated to the United States in the early days of their domestic life, first settling in Milwaukee. There the father, who was a tailor, followed his trade until 1856, when he removed with his family to Horicon, where he continued to engage in tailoring until shortly prior to his death, which occurred in 1899. He had long survived the mother, who passed away in 1870.

Edward Freeman was a child of only six years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Horicon. Here he was reared, obtaining his education in the public schools, in which he continued his studies until he was a youth of thirteen years. He then laid aside his text-books and became an apprentice in the foundry of the Van Brunt Company, with whom he remained for three years. At the expiration of that time he obtained a position in Fond du Lac, going from there to Milwaukee, following which he worked for a time at various points in Illinois and Iowa. After an absence of about seven years he returned home, obtaining a position in the Van Brunt factory. He was shortly promoted to the place of foreman, continuing to hold this position until his death, which occurred on the 16th of February, 1912.

On the 21st of October, 1873, Mr. Freeman was united in marriage to Miss Anna Kennedy, who was born in Brookfield, Waukesha county, this state, on the 7th of August, 1851. She is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Gardner) Kennedy, both natives of Ireland, the father having been born in County Tipperary and the mother in County Limerick. They were pioneer settlers in Waukesha county, where the father, who was a carpenter, followed his trade until 1857. He then removed to Fond du Lac with his family, and there two years later he passed away. After his death the mother continued to make her home in Fond du Lac for some years, but later came to live with her daughter, Mrs. Freeman, at whose residence she passed away in 1902. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Freeman, who is the eldest, is the only one now living. The others were as follows: Mary, James and John. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman numbered three: Katherine, who is a teacher in the second grade of the Horicon schools; Edward T., a foreman in the core room of the plow works at La Crosse, Wisconsin, who married Mary Redmond, of De Kalb, Illinois, and has two daughters, Anna and Nellie; and William J., a mechanical engineer employed by the state railroad commission at Madison.



Mr. Freeman was a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, as is also his widow and children. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, being a charter member of the Horicon lodge. His allegiance in matters politic he gave to the democratic party and at one time represented his ward in the council. He was an industrious man of good principles and many estimable qualities, who was held in high regard by his fellow townsmen, many of whom had known him from boyhood.

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### HENRY RICHARDT.

Many are the valuable citizens who have come from Germany to the United States to help in the pioneer labor of developing the resources of this country, and of the many who came and have made their mark in various professions and vocations none have been more important than those sturdy German farmers who have so largely contributed to prosperity and development by their industry, patience, thriftiness and energy. Henry Richardt was born in the province of Pomerania, Germany, September 23, 1858, a son of John Richardt, who was born in the same province on the 27th of November, 1823, and Ernestina (Schleicher) Richardt, born in the same province, December 22, 1827. John Richardt came with his family to America in 1868. After working for two years as a farm hand he bought the property in Hubbard township, this county, on which our subject now resides. The father cleared and improved the land which he had acquired and gradually brought the same under cultivation. He was successful in his pursuits, being ably assisted by his son and operating the farm until 1900, when he passed away. His wife had died two years before.

Henry Richardt received his education largely in the schools of his native country and completed the same after arriving in the United States. He assisted his father with the work on the farm and became acquainted with the various branches of agriculture and stock-raising. He thus acquired valuable knowledge which stood him in good stead when he began the cultivation of this property independently. In 1900 he took charge of the farm and has operated the same successfully ever since. He employs up-to-date and modern methods in the cultivation of the soil and follows scientific lines in raising his stock. He has improved and bettered the property since he has managed the same and the result of his industry and ability as a farmer is plainly seen by its appearance.

On the 28th of May, 1888, Mr. Richardt was united in marriage to Miss Albertina Wersonskie, who was born in Theresa township, May 24, 1866. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Wersonskie were natives of Germany, born in the province of Pomerania. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Richardt: Willie, February 19, 1889; Arthur, September 13, 1893; and Esther, December 22, 1903.

The family affiliate with the Lutheran church, to which they give their moral and material support. Mr. Richardt's political views coincide with the democratic party and, although he has not been active in politics, he takes that

laudable interest in public matters which is the duty of every high-minded citizen. His labors have been of benefit not only to himself but have in large measure contributed to the general agricultural development of the section in which he resides. Mr. and Mrs. Richardt enjoy an extensive acquaintance in Hubbard township and are accorded universal esteem.

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#### CHRISTIAN F. WILLIAM GRIEPENTROG.

Christian F. William Griepentrog, an esteemed citizen and representative agriculturist of Oak Grove township, is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and six acres but is no longer actively engaged in its operation, having turned over the work of the fields to his son, Otto. His birth occurred in Stettin, Germany, on the 14th of October, 1853, his parents being Ernst and FredERICA (Tesch) Griepentrog, who were likewise natives of that place. The father was born on the 2d of February, 1824, while the mother's natal day was March 22, 1830. Ernst Griepentrog served in the regular army of his native land and worked for others during his active business career. His demise occurred in the city of Berlin in November, 1862. In August of the following year his widow emigrated to the United States with her three children, coming direct to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and locating in Theresa township. She was married a second time, becoming the wife of Charles Buchda, who owned a farm in Theresa township and operated the same until he retired and removed to Juneau, where his demise occurred about 1894. His widow now makes her home with our subject.

C. F. W. Griepentrog, who was a lad of ten years when he came to this country with his widowed mother, attended the district schools of Theresa township and also pursued a course of study in a German parochial school of that township. When a youth of seventeen he secured employment as a farm hand and thus worked for eight years. On the expiration of that period, having carefully saved his earnings, he purchased sixty-six acres of land on section 34, Oak Grove township, and started out as an agriculturist on his own account. He has since extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase and it now embraces one hundred and six acres of valuable and productive land. He erected all of the buildings which stand upon the property and added all of the improvements and conveniences of a model farm. For a number of years he devoted his time and energies to its operation but is now living retired and leases the place to his son, Otto, who performs the work of the fields. He served as secretary of the Oak Grove Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company for twelve years, and is president of the Essman cheese factory, located near his home.

On the 10th of October, 1878, Mr. Griepentrog was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Schuenka, who was born in Herman township, this county, on the 19th of February, 1853, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schuenka, natives of the province of Pommern, Germany. They emigrated to the United States about 1846, locating in Herman township, this county, where Mr. Schuenka was killed about 1854, while clearing the logs from a homestead. His widow remained in Herman township for a number of years, then sold the home farm and re-

moved to Burnett township, where she passed away some years later. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Griepentrog have been born nine children, as follows: Emma, whose birth occurred on the 5th of July, 1879, and who is the wife of Frank Zieroth, a farmer residing in Barron county, Wisconsin; Charles, born July 6, 1880, who is a mason living at Benson, Nebraska; Emil, Ludwig, Ferdinand and Amanda, all of whom are deceased; Otto, whose birth occurred on the 12th of September, 1889, and who resides on the old homestead; William, whose natal day was January 3, 1892, and who lives in Herman township; and Ida, who was born February 6, 1894, and is still under the parental roof.

Mr. Griepentrog is a democrat in politics and has served on the school board for three or four terms, while at the present time he is acting as treasurer of the district school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. John's Lutheran church at Juneau. He has continuously resided within the borders of Dodge county since coming here about a half century ago. Faithful at all times to the duties devolving upon him and strong in his advocacy of all measures which tend toward the material, intellectual and moral development of the community, he has, by his own upright life and manly principles, gained the admiration and respect of all who know him and his circle of warm friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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#### HERMAN SCHWANTES.

Actively engaged in agricultural pursuits on a well developed farm in Oak Grove township Herman Schwantes has won success in the line which he has chosen as his life work, for his efforts have at all times been characterized by a spirit of progress and by indefatigable energy and intelligently applied labor. His birth occurred in the province of Pommern, Germany, on the 4th of May, 1868, his parents being August and Amelia (Schultz) Schwantes, of whom more extended mention is made on other pages of this work in connection with the sketches of Henry W. and Albert Schwantes, brothers of our subject. In early life Herman Schwantes was brought by his parents to the United States, the family home being established in Dodge county, Wisconsin. In the acquirement of an education he attended a German school in Hustisford township and for two months studied in a district school near Hartford. When a youth of fifteen he began working as a farm hand, being thus employed until twenty-five years of age. At that time he rented a tract of land in Hustisford township, being busily engaged in its cultivation for six years, while subsequently he operated a rented farm in Oak Grove township for a similar period. He then purchased a farm of eighty-nine acres on section 27, Oak Grove township, and has since devoted his time and attention to its further development and improvement, bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation. He has erected modern and substantial buildings and has equipped his place with all accessories necessary for facilitating farm labor, everything about it indicating that he has kept in touch with the spirit of progress which is manifested in agricultural lines. Mr. Schwantes makes a specialty of breeding Holstein cattle for a select market and ships them to all parts of the country. He is a stockholder in the

Essman cheese factory, which is located near his farm, one mile south of the city limits of Juneau.

On the 5th of October, 1893, Mr. Schwantes was joined in wedlock to Miss Minnie Reichow, who was born in Hustisford township, this county, on the 17th of February, 1873, her parents being Frederick and Henrietta Reichow, natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States at an early day and settled first in Oak Grove township, Dodge county, while about two years later they removed to Hustisford, where Mr. Reichow passed away October 8, 1897. His widow, who still survives, makes her home in the town of Hustisford. Frederick Reichow had served in the regular army while in Germany. Mrs. Schwantes is the youngest of six children born to her parents, and by her marriage has become the mother of six children, as follows: Edwin, whose birth occurred on the 23d of February, 1895; Hilbert, whose natal day was July 11, 1898; Cora, who was born October 20, 1900; Elmer, whose birth occurred on the 13th of June, 1903; Renata, born August 26, 1906; and Dorothy, born November 11, 1909.

In politics Mr. Schwantes is a democrat but his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. He is a devoted member of the Lutheran church at Juneau and exemplifies its teachings in his daily conduct. That his life has at all times commanded the high respect which is uniformly tendered him is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

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#### AUGUST H. SEIFERT.

August H. Seifert, who is known as one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of Oak Grove township, owns an excellent farm of eighty acres on section 14. His birth occurred in Hustisford township, Dodge county, on the 14th of April, 1877, his parents being August and Augusta (Berge-man) Seifert, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born on the 22d of June, 1834, while the mother's natal day was September 1, 1843. Their marriage was celebrated in Hustisford township, this county. August Seifert accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States when about fifteen years of age, the family coming direct to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and locating on a farm in Hustisford township. In that township he grew to manhood and became a landowner, continuing to reside there until 1884, when he purchased and located on a farm two miles northeast of Juneau, which is now in possession of our subject and where he passed away on the 17th of January, 1911. His surviving widow now lives with her son Julius on an adjoining farm. Mr. Seifert, who enlisted in the Union army in 1861, served with a Wisconsin regiment for three years and four months and was fortunate in that he was never wounded. He held various local offices and was widely recognized as an influential and esteemed citizen of the county, within the borders of which he resided for about six decades.

In the acquirement of an education August H. Seifert attended a German school at Juneau and the district schools of Oak Grove township. He remained

under the parental roof until thirty years of age and then became the owner of the farm on which he now resides and which at that time embraced one hundred acres. Recently, however, he sold twenty acres of the tract. His farm is one of the best equipped in Oak Grove township, the buildings thereon being modern and comparatively new. He devotes his attention to general farming and has met with success in his undertakings, annually gathering rich harvests which find a ready sale on the market. He is likewise a stockholder in the cheese factory at Juneau.

On the 6th of June, 1906, Mr. Seifert was united in marriage to Miss Emma Horn, who was born in Herman township, this county, on the 23d of November, 1879, her parents being Charles and Wilhelmina (Bellack) Horn, both natives of Germany. The father's natal day was July 3, 1840, while the mother's birth occurred on the 20th of March, 1847. They reside in Woodland, Dodge county, where for twenty-seven years Mr. Horn was engaged in the lumber business.

In his political views Mr. Seifert is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party but never seeking office as a reward for his fealty. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, belonging to the church of that denomination at Juneau. Both he and his wife have always lived in this county and well merit the regard and esteem which is uniformly accorded them.

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#### ALBERT ALPHONSE BERTEL.

Albert Alphonse Bertel, who devotes his attention to the pursuits of general farming and stock-raising, is the owner of eighty-eight acres of land on section 15, Oak Grove township. His birth occurred in Alsace, France, on the 10th of November, 1851, his parents being John and Mary Bertel, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father followed farming throughout his active business career.

Albert A. Bertel obtained his education in the schools of his native land and when a youth of nineteen crossed the Atlantic to the United States, first working as a blacksmith in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and later being employed in locomotive works for about two years. In 1875 he came to Reeseville, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and secured employment on a farm near Lowell, working for others until the time of his marriage. Following that important event in his life he rented a farm in Clyman township and devoted his attention to its operation for three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Oak Grove township and purchased a farm south of Juneau, where he continued to reside for fourteen years. After disposing of the property he spent three years on a farm north of Juneau, then sold the place and bought a tract of eighty-eight acres inside the city limits, which he has cultivated to the present time. In connection with the production of cereals he devotes considerable attention to stock-raising and in both branches of his business has won success. He is likewise a stockholder in the Juneau Cheese & Butter Company and well deserves recognition among the substantial and respected citizens of the community.

On the 3d of February, 1880, Mr. Bertel was joined in wedlock to Miss

Mary Neis, who was born in Clyman township, Dodge county, on the 20th of January, 1863, her parents being Jacob and Elizabeth (Spohn) Neis, also natives of this county. Her father was engaged in business as a blacksmith of Clyman for a number of years and subsequently took up his abode in Hammond, Indiana, where his demise occurred in February, 1912. His first wife passed away some years ago. He later married Miss Helen Einsle and following her death he was again married and is survived by his third wife. Jacob Neis was the father of fourteen children. To Mr. and Mrs. Bertel have been born eight children, as follows: George and Ella, both at home; Peter and an infant daughter, who are deceased; and Thomas, James, Clara and Albert, who are also yet under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Bertel is a democrat and for two terms he has served as township treasurer, making a creditable record in that capacity. He is a devout communicant of the Roman Catholic church and has been identified with the Catholic Knights since 1890. He has been a resident of this county for thirty-seven years and is well known within its borders, while the circle of his friends is a wide one.

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#### THOMAS J. HERRICK.

Thomas J. Herrick, one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Oak Grove township, has resided continuously, for more than half a century, on an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 12, formerly owned by his father-in-law, James Anderson. Mr. Herrick's birth occurred at Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, on the 23d of November, 1829, his parents being Job and Hannah (Cummings) Herrick. The father was born at Plainfield, Connecticut, in 1776, while the mother was a native of Bennington, Vermont. Job Herrick became one of the early merchants of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, and for a number of years was engaged in business there. For some years prior to his demise, which occurred in 1853, he lived on a farm near Lawrenceville. Unto him and his wife were born twelve children, only two of whom survive, the sister of our subject, Mrs. Jeanette Smith, being a resident of Spokane, Washington.

Thomas J. Herrick obtained his education in his native town and when about fifteen years of age started out in life as an agriculturist on his own account and with the assistance of other members of the family paid off a mortgage on the home farm. It was in 1854 that he came to Wisconsin, locating first at Waukesha, where he worked as a molder for two years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Horicon, Dodge county, being the very first representative of that line of work here. He was engaged in business in partnership with William M. Jones, under the firm style of Jones & Herrick, for two and a half years. At the end of that time he sold out and took up his abode on the farm of one hundred and twenty acres which has remained his home continuously since. He has brought the fields under a high state of cultivation, and all of the improvements on the property stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. In his undertakings as an agriculturist he has won a gratifying

measure of success and he has long been numbered among the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community.

On the 4th of December, 1858, Mr. Herrick was married to Miss Marion J. Anderson, who was born in Lorain county, Ohio, October 20, 1837, her parents being James and Amanda (Norton) Anderson, natives of Vermont and Connecticut respectively. James Anderson, an agriculturist by occupation, removed from Vermont to Ohio, thence came to Wisconsin and joined the earliest settlers of Dodge county in 1843, taking up his abode on the farm which is now in possession of our subject and on which he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. He served in the War of 1812 and for a number of years held the office of justice of the peace in Oak Grove township and an elder of the Presbyterian church at Horicon, and also a charter member of the same. He passed away at the age of ninety-six years, while his wife was called to her final rest when ninety-eight years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Herrick were born five children, two of whom still survive, namely: Ralph, who is a farmer living near Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Albert, who resides with his father. Albert Herrick is a skilled musician, having studied under Professor Richard Hardege of Watertown, following which he took a two and one-half years' course under Ceaser Thomson at Brussels, Belgium. Mrs. Herrick passed away in September, 1905.

At the polls Mr. Herrick has ever supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He has served as a member of the township board for two terms but his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has now passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey and enjoys the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

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#### LAWRENCE N. FLANNIGAN.

Lawrence N. Flannigan, well known as a representative of the banking interests of Beaver Dam, being president of the Farmers State Bank and also interested extensively in land and mining, was born in the town of Mitchell, Wisconsin, in February, 1856, a son of William and Margaret (Sheridan) Flannigan, the former a farmer in comfortable circumstances. The father of Mrs. Flannigan and the father of General Phil Sheridan were own cousins, the ancestors of each coming from Ireland.

Lawrence N. Flannigan acquired his education in the public schools and at the age of sixteen left his father's home, going into the lumber woods, where he established a logging business on his own account. With the energy and ambition peculiar to a bright young man, he made rapid progress and from the outset of his business career has gradually worked his way upward. He possessed the faculty of recognizing and utilizing opportunities, seeing what enterprises gave promise of success, and possessed also the courage and promptness to make each hour count for the utmost, combined with determination and perseverance to carry forward his plans to a successful conclusion. As the years have passed

he has made use of opportunity for profitable investment and is now the owner of valuable pine lands in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Arkansas. He is also interested in valuable mining properties in Michigan and Colorado. His holdings include a large stock farm in Minnesota, where he raises some of the finest stock to be found in that state. At one time he was the owner of the Spring Brook Farm near Burnett, Wisconsin, and occupied it for eight years but six years ago disposed of that property and removed to Beaver Dam. Here he figures prominently in financial circles as the first president of the Farmers State Bank, which was established in 1911. As an investor he had previously displayed keen discrimination and sound judgment and these qualities have been manifest as well in the control of the bank of which he is now the head.

In September, 1888, Mr. Flannigan was married to Miss Lucy Good, a daughter of George Good, of Oconto, Wisconsin, and they now have two daughters, Marian and Helen Mildred, both of whom were educated in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Marian was graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1908 and completed a course in the State Normal School at Oshkosh in 1910, since which time she has been engaged in teaching. She expects, however, to continue her studies at the University of Wisconsin. Helen is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, 1910, and of the Oshkosh Normal School with the class of 1912.

The religious faith of Mr. Flannigan is that of the Catholic church, while his wife is a member of the Episcopal church. He holds membership with the Catholic Knights and also with the Knights of Pythias. His political support has usually been given to the democratic party but in 1896 he supported the gold wing of the party, voting for Palmer for president. He has never been ambitious for office, refusing to accept honors of that kind, preferring always to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which have ever been of an extensive and important character, constituting the basis of his present well earned success and prosperity. He has the high regard and confidence of his colleagues and contemporaries in the business world and has made a most creditable record since starting out in the lumber woods for himself when a youth of sixteen years.

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#### MICHAEL E. BURKE.

Political success requires for its accomplishment more than ordinary ability. It is dependent upon many outside elements and is intimately connected with the standards and conditions of the times. Consequently, the men who have the ability to judge correctly and estimate the popular sentiment and to comprehend the ideals and ambitions of the people have the most solid foundation for prominence in politics. To make this prominence lasting, however, they must combine with their good judgment definite work and attainment, integrity of character, sincerity of purpose and a public spirit which is never self-seeking. Michael E. Burke, attorney at law in Beaver Dam and one of the greatest individual forces in the political life of Wisconsin, is a man of this class, an active worker in the general interests, broad-minded, able and shrewdly efficient, and he has in consequence been rewarded by many important offices within the gift of the people





M. E. BURKE

of his state. He has served as state representative, state senator and United States congressman, and during the many years of his public life no trust reposed in him has ever been neglected or betrayed. He was born in the city in which he now resides October 15, 1863, and is a son of Michael and Ellen (Foley) Burke, natives of Ireland. His father was born in County Tipperary in 1805 and came to America in 1857, settling in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. After his marriage, which occurred in 1861, he moved upon a farm east of the city, near Drakes Mill, or Crystal Lake, and this he developed and improved until his death, in October, 1892. His wife had long preceded him, for she died in March, 1868. To their union were born two children: Mary, whose birth occurred in 1865 and who married David Candell, of Eau Claire; and Michael E., of this review.

The last named received his primary education in the district schools of Beaver Dam township and supplemented this by a course in Wayland Academy. After he was graduated from this institution he entered the offices of Judge Edward Elwell in Beaver Dam and studied law. He completed his legal course in the State University at Madison and was admitted to the bar of Wisconsin February 14, 1888. For a short time he taught in the district schools but finally located in the city, where he has practiced for twenty-four years. His unusual success is the best proof of his ability. He has been retained in connection with most of the important litigation in the courts of the district and has conserved the interests of his clients in a forceful and able way. He is recognized as a strong and capable practitioner, with a mind in which keen logic and acute discrimination unite with power and resourcefulness in the coordination of details, and his practice has expanded rapidly in proportion to his growing accomplishments.

As is often the case, Mr. Burke's legal success has carried with it prominence in politics and his public duties have grown to be one of the important interests of his life. His political career began in Beaver Dam when he was elected town clerk and served with ability and conscientiousness for two terms. In the state legislature he became connected with many of the most important committees and in the session of 1891 he served as chairman of the committee on legislative expenditures and in the session of 1893 was chairman of the assembly committee on judiciary, and thus he extended his usefulness to his constituents by enlarging the field of his activity. His record in office was so fine an example of true political accomplishment that in 1894 he was elected to the state senate and served for four years in that body. Here also he continued active in the very center of state government, serving on the committees on roads and bridges and on town and county organizations. In 1893 he had been elected city attorney of Beaver Dam and for fifteen consecutive annual terms has been returned to that office, his long service being the most complete proof of his ability. He has twice served as mayor of Beaver Dam. Gradually by earnest, straightforward and forceful work Mr. Burke has become identified with more important political affairs, for while serving his second term as mayor he was elected a member of the sixty-second United States congress on the democratic ticket from the sixth congressional district of Wisconsin. He served as a member of the committees on merchant marine and fisheries and invalid pensions, and in November, 1912, was reelected over his republican opponent by a majority of five thousand, nine hundred and sixty-seven.

Mr. Burke married, on February 28, 1898, Miss Emma Sontag, a daughter of William Sontag, of Winneconne, Wisconsin, and both are well known in social circles of Beaver Dam. In his law practice Mr. Burke is the senior member of the firm of Burke & Lueck and has gained prosperity and distinction in this field. He is one of the most prominent men in the public life of the city at the present time. For over twenty years his activities have been individual forces in the establishment and development of political standards and in the growth and progress of Wisconsin along political lines. He has reached the point in his career where politics have become statesmanship, for his remarkable talents have always been exerted for the public welfare without regard to personal ends.

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### JULIUS C. FISCHER.

Julius C. Fischer is residing on ninety-six acres of land near Juneau and gives his entire time to general farming. He was born in Ixonia, Jefferson county, September 2, 1859, a son of Fred and Minnie (Groth) Fischer. His father was born in Germany and came to America about 1855, settling in Milwaukee, where he remained only a short time. Later he went to Ixonia and purchased a farm which he improved and operated until about the year 1875, when he disposed of his holdings and purchased land near LeRoy upon which he resided for some time. Eventually he retired from active life and moved to Milwaukee, where he died January 21, 1912. His wife passed away at LeRoy, February 3, 1886.

Julius Fischer is the oldest of a family of ten children. He attended the public schools at LeRoy and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time he obtained employment and for two years worked out upon neighboring farms. At the end of that time in association with his father he operated the home farm and remained upon it for five years. He then bought eighty acres of land in Jefferson county near LeRoy and operated and improved it for twelve years. Disposing of this property he went to Ixonia, where for two years he engaged in carpenter work. He moved to Milwaukee at the end of that time and after a short period in the same line of occupation he purchased the farm upon which he now resides. The land is in excellent condition, well improved and intelligently developed, and its owner has won recognition as an able and successful farmer.

Mr. Fischer has been twice married. On May 7, 1885, he wedded Miss Anna Krug, who was born in Germany, March 17, 1862, a daughter of August and Minnie Krug, natives of the fatherland. They came to America in their early years and settled in Williamstown township, where the father carried on farming for some time. He later moved to Oconomowoc, where he died. His wife passed away some years previously in Williamstown township. Mr. Fischer's first wife died on the 19th of October, 1903, leaving one son, Alfred, who was born June 21, 1886, and resides with his father. On January 1, 1906, Mr. Fischer married Miss Anna Puls, who was born in Manitowoc, January 21, 1879, a daughter of Fred and Mary (Fraizen) Puls, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Manitowoc. Fred Puls came to America with his

parents when he was nine years of age and settled in Manitowoc where he grew to manhood. He served in the Civil war, as a member of a Wisconsin regiment and was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg. After his discharge he returned to Manitowoc and gradually became an extensive land owner. Upon his retirement he moved to Milwaukee where he died April 5, 1908. His wife is residing in that city.

Mr. Fischer gives his allegiance to the republican party but has never sought political office, preferring to give his entire time to the management of his farm, which is evidence of his success.

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#### AUGUST C. ERDMANN.

August C. Erdmann, a representative and successful agriculturist of Oak Grove township, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 14, comprising one of the best improved farms in the township. His birth occurred in Herman township, this county, on the 5th of February, 1873, his parents being Ferdinand and Christina (Knospe) Erdmann, both of whom are natives of Germany. The father was born in the province of Pommern on the 4th of February, 1845, while the mother's birth occurred at Oderbruch on the 23d of December, 1848. In 1857 Ferdinand Erdmann accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, the family home being established on a farm in Herman township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and here he grew to manhood. He became an agriculturist and extensive landowner and continued to reside in Herman township until 1901, when he turned his holdings over to his sons and went to live with our subject. The period of his residence in this county covers fifty-five years and he enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders. For the past eleven years he and his wife have lived with their son August. They were the parents of six children, four of whom still survive, as follows: Emil, who follows farming in Herman township; August C., of this review; Charles, an agriculturist of Rubicon township; and Henrietta, the wife of August Gentz, who follows farming in Herman township.

August C. Erdmann obtained his education in the schools of his native township and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the work of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. When twenty-three years of age he bought land in Herman township and there carried on his farming interests until 1901, when he sold out and purchased the tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Oak Grove township on which he now resides. He has erected modern buildings and has made other substantial improvements on the property, which is now one of the best equipped farms in the township. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he makes a specialty of the breeding of Holstein stock for dairy purposes. He is likewise a stockholder in the Chicago Universal Supply Company and the Cooperative Mercantile Association at Juneau.

On the 15th of August, 1901, Mr. Erdmann was united in marriage to Miss Alma Dowe, who was born in Hubbard township, this county, on the 9th of January, 1881, her parents being Ernst and Mary (Plageman) Dowe. The

father's birth occurred in Oderbruch, Germany, September 19, 1841, while the mother was born in the province of Bromoborg, Germany, January 7, 1846, and came to the United States in 1847 with her parents, who settled at Iron Ridge. Ernst Dowe emigrated to the United States about 1856, locating first near Mayville, Wisconsin. Subsequently he took up his abode in Hubbard township, this county, and at the present time is living retired at Iron Ridge. He served as a member of Company K, Fifty-first Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, enlisting in 1865, and he now receives a pension. Mr. and Mrs. Dowe were the parents of five children; Ernst, who lives at Beaver Dam; Lizzie, the wife of Herman Schultz, of Beaver Dam; Edward, of Horicon; Frank of Chicago, Illinois; and Mrs. Erdmann. Mr. and Mrs. Erdmann have one child, Alice Mafalda, whose natal day was August 15, 1903.

In his political views Mr. Erdmann is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Reformed church at Juneau. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in Dodge county and have gained an extensive circle of friends here.

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#### RICHARD E. THOMAS.

For thirty-five years Richard E. Thomas conducted a blacksmith shop in Beaver Dam, founding a well deserved success in business upon the firm basis of honor and good faith. For four years after disposing of this enterprise to his son he farmed in the vicinity of the city and was prosperous in this occupation also. He has now abandoned active life and is living retired at No. 304 Haskel street. He has lived in Beaver Dam since he was twenty-four years of age, coming here from his native city of Benson, Vermont, where he was born on the 24th of December, 1832. His parents were John H. and Sarah (Taylor) Thomas, natives of Vermont. Their marriage occurred in that state and both died there.

Richard E. Thomas was educated in the public schools of Benson and learned the blacksmith's trade. In May, 1856, he came to Wisconsin where he worked as a journeyman blacksmith for one summer. At the end of that time he was able to establish himself in business, founding at this time an enterprise which was increasingly successful for thirty-five years. He was an expert in the details of his trade and honest, straightforward and upright in his commercial dealings and was consequently prosperous. When he abandoned blacksmithing he gave the management of his enterprise into the hands of his son who is now carrying it on along the modern and progressive standards established by his father. Mr. Thomas farmed for a short time after he retired from business life and was successful as general agriculturist until 1908 when he disposed of his property and has since been living retired.

In 1854 the subject of this review was united in marriage to Miss Julia Drake, a daughter of Julius and Sarah (Tomlinson) Drake. She was the eighth in a family of nine children and was born February 23, 1837. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been born three children: George H., who is married and living

in Beaver Dam, where he is now carrying on the business which his father established; Francis, who died at the age of thirty-five; and Jennie, who passed away when she was three and one-half years old.

In his political beliefs Mr. Thomas is consistently republican, and while he never seeks public office he has been many times called upon to serve his fellow citizens. He has been marshal of the city for eighteen years although he has not served consecutively. For two years he was deputy sheriff and did able work as deputy United States marshal for one year. He is a prominent Mason, holding membership in the chapter and commandery. He served two terms as master and one term as high priest and is well known in the affairs of the local organization. He owns his residence in Beaver Dam and other residence property and is also interested in town lots. He is a stockholder in the old National Bank and interested in all kinds of local enterprises. For many years he was one of the progressive and representative business men of Beaver Dam, active in promoting his own success but at the same time mindful of his obligations as a citizen. He made the enterprises in which he engaged successful by seizing any favorable opportunity for advancement and by adhering faithfully to high standards of commercial honor. He has well earned the rest he is now enjoying.

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#### GEORGE EDWARD LESLIE.

George Edward Leslie, an agriculturist residing on section 22, Oak Grove township, is one of the worthy native sons of Dodge county, his birth having occurred in Ashippun township on the 20th of March, 1858. His parents were John and Emma (Webster) Leslie, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of England. In 1844 John Leslie emigrated to the United States with his parents, the family home being established on a farm in Ashippun township, this county, where he grew to manhood and became a landowner. He likewise became identified with milling interests, owning and operating a sawmill and later a gristmill in Ashippun township. Subsequently he was elected sheriff of Dodge county and took up his abode in Juneau. He next purchased a farm in Oak Grove township, just east of Juneau, and continued to reside thereon until called to his final rest in 1898, having survived his wife for several years. During his residence here he served as chairman of Ashippun township and also of Oak Grove township; was secretary of the Oak Grove Farmers Mutual Insurance Company for several years; and acted as salesman for the Oak Grove Union cheese factory. He was a member of the Wisconsin assembly in 1885 and 1886. The period of his residence in this county covered more than a half century and in his passing the community lost one of its most respected, influential and esteemed citizens. Unto Mr. and Mrs. John Leslie were born eight children, as follows: Robert, who is an employe in the Fuller & Johnson plant at Madison; George Edward, of this review; Sarah, who is the wife of J. A. Peffer, a carpenter of Waukesha; Anna, who gave her hand in marriage to Herman Schwensow, an agriculturist of Oak Grove township; Linnie, who is deceased; Agnes, who lives with her brother George; Emma, who is the wife

of Gustave Weiss, a farmer residing at Rosendale; and John, who is employed as bookkeeper by the Payne Lumber Company of Oshkosh.

George Edward Leslie obtained his early education in the schools of Aship-pun township and later continued his studies in Juneau for one year. He was reared to manhood on the home farm and when twenty-six years of age began operating the same in association with his father, whom he assisted in the work of the fields until the latter's death. A number of years afterward he disposed of the property and bought his present home place of five acres a half mile east of Juneau. In his undertakings as an agriculturist he has won a gratifying and well merited measure of success and has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of his native county. He gives his political allegiance to the democracy but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen at Juneau. He has spent his entire life in this county, and that his career has ever been an upright and honorable one is indicated in the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his stanch friends and admirers.

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#### WILLIAM HECKMAN.

William Heckman, busily engaged in general farming, is assisting his son on the farm of ninety-four acres on section 13, Oak Grove township, which he formerly owned. His birth occurred in Germany on the 19th of September, 1851, his parents being Gotlieb and Paulina (Hiltzberg) Heckman, both of whom were born near Berlin, Germany, the former in 1825 and the latter on the 7th of May, 1827. They emigrated to the United States in 1852, coming direct to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and settling near Watertown, in Lebanon township, where they continued to reside until 1863. In that year Mr. Heckman purchased a farm of sixty acres near Mayville and thereon spent the remainder of his life, passing away about 1871.

William Heckman, the first born in a family of ten children, obtained his education in the schools of Mayville. When fourteen years of age he began working for others at threshing and farming, thus early gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for crops. After attaining his majority he rented a farm in Leroy township, devoting his attention to its operation for five years. During the following seven years he rented and cultivated other land and on the expiration of that period purchased a tract of fifty acres a mile and a half northeast of Mayville. At the end of ten years he disposed of the property and bought a farm of ninety-four acres in Oak Grove township, the operation of which has claimed his attention continuously since. In connection with the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate he raises sufficient stock for his own use, and his efforts in both branches of business have been attended with success. He also operates a threshing outfit for another man, having been engaged in this line of work since a youth of fifteen years.

On the 5th of December, 1873, Mr. Heckman was united in marriage to Miss Molly Friezie, who was born in Germany on the 26th of September, 1852,

her parents being Carl and Mary (Doering) Frieze. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1854 and first located in Theresa township, this county. After selling their property there, they removed to Lomira township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Our subject and his wife have two children, namely: Emil, who is a teamster residing in Horicon; and Edward, who in March, 1911, purchased his father's farm which he now operates. Mr. and Mrs. Heckman also have an adopted daughter, Bessie.

Mr. Heckman is a stalwart democrat in politics and has served in the capacity of school clerk for four terms. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church at Horicon. Practically his entire life has been spent in Dodge county and he has long been numbered among its substantial agriculturists as well as representative and esteemed citizens.

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#### OTTO HENRY RASSMAN.

Otto Henry Rassman, one of the younger agriculturists of Dodge county, is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings, devoting his attention to the operation of a farm of ninety acres in Hubbard township and giving his time and energies principally to dairying. He also owns another farm of one hundred and forty acres in the same locality but leases the property. His birth occurred in this county on the 25th of November, 1885, his parents being Fred and Louisa (Ihde) Rassman, natives of Germany. The father, whose natal year was 1850, emigrated to the United States when a youth of eighteen and here worked as a farm hand for some time. Carefully saving his earnings, he was later enabled to buy land of his own and subsequently came into possession of several farms. In 1907 he sold the place to his son Otto. During the long period of his residence in Dodge county he has gained an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders. He and his wife now live at Juneau, where they have resided eight years.

Otto H. Rassman supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in the high school at Horicon and also attended a German school. He assisted in the work of the home farm until he was married, at the age of twenty-two years, and then purchased the property from his father, having operated the same on his own account continuously since. The place comprises ninety acres of land, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Rassman has a good herd of cattle and devotes his attention principally to dairying, this branch of his business returning to him a gratifying income. In 1911 he built a new residence and he has also made many other substantial improvements which enhance the value and attractiveness of his farm.

In 1907, in Hubbard township, Mr. Rassman was united in marriage to Miss Alma Swinge, who was born on the 14th of March, 1885. Her father, Frank Swinge, whose birth occurred in Germany on the 10th of November, 1853, was brought to this country as a baby. He was twice married, his first wife bearing the maiden name of Minnie Afferman. Mr. and Mrs. Rassman now have three children, namely: Della, who was born on the 20th of June, 1909; Hugo, whose birth occurred on the 25th of March, 1910; and Arnold,



whose natal day was May 17, 1911. Politically Mr. Rassman is a democrat, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He has gained a creditable measure of prosperity for one of his years and is held in high regard and esteem in the county where he has always made his home.

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### JOHN L. MILTGEN.

John L. Miltgen, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Beaver Dam, has served in the capacity of justice of the peace for the past eleven years. His birth occurred in Paris, France, on the 19th of June, 1841, his parents being John and Magdalena Miltgen. In 1857 the family emigrated to the United States, locating in West Bend, Washington county, Wisconsin, where they resided until 1861. In that year they took up their abode at Theresa, Dodge county, where both Mr. and Mrs. Miltgen spent the remainder of their lives, the former passing away in April, 1892, and the latter in December, 1883. Both lived to attain the age of eighty-two years. John Miltgen, Sr., was a cabinet-maker by trade and worked at that occupation throughout his active business career.

John L. Miltgen, whose name introduces this review, attended school at West Bend, Wisconsin, until twenty years of age and then turned his attention to the millwright's trade. He came to Beaver Dam in 1863 and worked as a millwright until 1876. In that year he opened a saloon and boarding house, conducting the same for three years. In 1879 he took up his abode in Westford and there conducted a store and saloon for four years. In 1883 he removed to Fall River, Columbia county, there residing until October, 1886, when he returned to Beaver Dam. Here he worked in the employ of the J. S. Rowell Manufacturing Company and the Malleable Iron Company for a number of years. Subsequently he opened a wagon shop, conducting the same until 1897, when he again entered the service of the J. S. Rowell Manufacturing Company. In 1901 he was elected justice of the peace and has filled the office to the present time in a most acceptable manner, his decisions being at all times fair and impartial.

Mr. Miltgen has been married twice. On the 21st of November, 1861, he wedded Miss Elizabeth Lux, a daughter of John and Katrina Lux, of Addison, Washington county, Wisconsin. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Elizabeth Miltgen were as follows: Joseph, who lives in California; Maggie, who is a resident of Racine, Wisconsin; Theresa, whose demise occurred in Marinette, this state; Katie, living in Richfield, Washington county; Henry, of Minnesota; Frank, of Iowa; and Michael, who resides in North Dakota. Unto John and Elizabeth Miltgen were born the following children: Katie, who lives in Milwaukee; Theresa, who died on the 3rd of April, 1870, when seven years of age; Eva, who makes her home in Beaver Dam; Annie, living in South Dakota; Theresa and Lillie, both of whom are residents of California; Henrietta, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Frank, of Milwaukee. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 3d of December, 1877. In May, 1878, Mr. Miltgen was again married, his second union being with Miss Eva

Kadinger, a daughter of John and Katrina Kadinger, of Lomira, Wisconsin. By this marriage there were five children, namely: Doretta; John W., residing in Michigan; George and Louis, who died in infancy; and Mamie, of Beaver Dam.

In politics Mr. Miltgen is a stalwart democrat. He was chosen city treasurer in 1896 and, as above stated, is now filling the office of justice of the peace. He is a Catholic in religious faith and for eleven years served as president of the Beaver Dam Branch, No. 48, of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, while for two years he acted as financial secretary of the organization. John Miltgen has now passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and can look back upon an active and useful career. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree and his fidelity to honorable, manly principles has ever won for him the good-will and friendship of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### MARTIN MOHR.

Martin Mohr is living retired at No. 315 West Maple avenue, Beaver Dam, after eighteen years' successful identification with the butcher business in that city. He was born in Milwaukee, August 15, 1857, and is a son of Henry and Mary Mohr, natives of Germany. The father was born in Saxony, in 1827, and the mother in Uchte, Hannover, January 19, 1819. The father came to America in 1841, settling first in Baltimore, Maryland, and later in Milwaukee, where he was among the pioneer residents. Their marriage occurred in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 2, 1854. Henry Mohr enlisted for service in the Civil war with the Twenty-sixth Wisconsin Infantry and was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. He is buried in the military cemetery of that city. His wife survived him until December 24, 1896, dying when she was about seventy-eight years of age. She is buried in Calvary cemetery at Milwaukee.

Martin Mohr is one of two children, his sister Emma making her home in Milwaukee. He was educated in the public schools of Milwaukee and has been earning his own living since he was fifteen years of age. In that year he learned the butcher business and for two years followed this line of occupation in his native city, going at the end of that time to Juneau, where he purchased an establishment already founded and operating it successfully along the most modern and progressive lines for fourteen years. When he disposed of his holdings in Juneau he came to Beaver Dam, settling in this city in 1894. Here he purchased a business which had been neglected for some time and was in an extremely run-down condition. He took personal charge of its management and within a short time had put it upon a paying basis. This enterprise he conducted for eighteen years with constantly increasing success, building up during that interval a reputation for honesty and straightforward commercial methods and ability of a high order. In 1911 he sold his lease of the building in which he carried on his enterprise to the State Bank of Beaver Dam and retired from active life. He owns a comfortable and pleas-

ant home at No. 315 West Maple avenue and is extensively interested in real estate besides being a stockholder in the German National Bank.

On July 12, 1882, Mr. Mohr was united in marriage to Miss May Arnold, a daughter of Samuel and Angeline (Phelps) Arnold, natives of New York. They were married in that state and came to Wisconsin about the year 1844, settling in Dodge county. Mrs. Mohr's father passed away in 1881, when he was seventy-six years of age. Her mother resided in Juneau and died July 14, 1912, in her ninetieth year. The wife of our subject was the ninth in a family of ten children and was born in Dodge county, November 23, 1862. She and her husband became the parents of four children: Ethel, who married G. Berg, of Spokane, Washington, by whom she has one child, Lois; Fred, who passed away May 14, 1911; Harry, who died when he was a year old; and Lois June, who lives at home.

Mr. Mohr is a democrat in his political views and always votes the party ticket. He and his family are members of the Episcopal church. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and is also active in the affairs of the Knights of Pythias. He has attained financial success by the able conduct of an important and progressive business enterprise and has won personal recognition as an honest man. This title has never been denied him, for his integrity of purpose dominates all his activities and has influenced his business and individual life.

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#### CHARLES C. MILLER.

Charles C. Miller is well known in the business circles of Beaver Dam as both merchant and lawyer, for he conducts a book store while engaged in the practice of law. He was born in Milwaukee in 1854, his parents being Gustavus and Louise (Dempewolf) Miller, who were natives of Prussia, Germany, and became residents of Milwaukee in 1854, the father there following the tailor's trade which he had learned in his native land. In 1856 he came to Beaver Dam and changed his occupation, opening a grocery store. He was connected with that and other business enterprises up to the time of his retirement, after which he spent his last days in the enjoyment of well earned rest, his death occurring in Beaver Dam, in December, 1908. His widow still survives and is now eighty-three years of age. Mr. Miller's political support was given to the democratic party. In their family were eight children, five of whom reached years of maturity: Gustave, who was a cigar manufacturer of Des Moines, Iowa, but is now deceased; Charles C.; Albert, who is a farmer of Canada and is also connected with theater interests there; Otto, who resides in Sumner, Iowa; and Memmah, at home.

Charles C. Miller is indebted to the public school system of Beaver Dam for the early education which he enjoyed and which was supplemented by study in Wayland College. He read law under the direction of several prominent attorneys and for eight years was upon the road selling musical instruments. In 1880 he turned his attention to the book business, in connection with Captain Hammer, of Beaver Dam, and five years later bought out his em-

ployer, since which time he has conducted a book store in this city, being now one of the oldest merchants in this line here. He read law from 1880 until 1882 and was admitted to the bar in 1883, since which time he has carried on a good practice. For eight years he was justice of the peace.

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#### EDWARD L. ARNDT.

Edward L. Arndt is secretary and vice president of the Beaver Dam Bottling Company and his efforts have contributed in substantial measure to the continued growth and success of that concern. He was born at Watertown, Wisconsin, in 1869, his parents being William J. and Amelia Arndt, whose marriage was celebrated in 1866. The father, a native of Germany, was brought to the United States when but six years of age and, coming to Dodge county, Wisconsin, has here resided to the present time. He followed farming as a life work but for the past twelve years has lived retired at Beaver Dam. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Amanda, who is a resident of Jefferson county, this state; Edward L., of this review; William, living in Jefferson county; Clara, of Green Lake county, Wisconsin; and Rosie and Sylvia, both of Beaver Dam.

Edward L. Arndt attended the public schools of Watertown in the acquirement of an education, but when a youth of thirteen put aside his text-books and familiarized himself with the process of cheese making. Subsequently he turned his attention to butter making, being thus engaged for a period of eighteen years. On the expiration of that time he took up his abode in Beaver Dam and was here engaged in the draying business for five years. In 1907 he became a partner of J. I. Marquart by purchasing an interest in the Beaver Dam Bottling Company and has since acted in the dual capacity of secretary and vice president.

In 1893 Mr. Arndt was joined in wedlock to Miss Helena M. Young, a daughter of Louis Young, of Dodge county. They have a daughter, Ruth, who is fourteen years of age and attends public school. Mr. Arndt gives his political allegiance to the democracy, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. In social circles he has gained the warm friendship and regard of all with whom he has been brought into contact, while in business life he has gained that success which comes from close application, industry and capable management.

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#### EMIL REX.

Emil Rex, busily engaged in general farming, is the owner of a well improved tract of land in Hubbard township. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Dodge county, his birth having occurred in Hubbard township on the 14th of July, 1878. His parents, F. W. and Catherine (Simon) Rex, were both natives of Germany, the former born in Oderbruch on the 31st of

August, 1838, and the latter in Luxemburg in 1841. F. W. Rex emigrated to the United States in 1852 and immediately turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He owned and conducted a drug store at Hustisford for a number of years. For several years, during the period of the Civil war, he conducted a dry-goods establishment in Juneau, and he became widely recognized as one of the prosperous and esteemed citizens of this county. It was in 1861 that he wedded Miss Catherine Simon, who had been brought to this country when but a year old.

Emil Rex was a young man of twenty-five years when he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, receiving a farm from his father on section 21, Hubbard township, the operation of which has claimed his attention continuously since. He is now engaged in general farming but expects in the near future to begin the raising of full bred Holstein cattle. He has erected a silo and a commodious new residence and has made many other substantial improvements on the property, which in its neat and attractive appearance gives evidence of his careful supervision. Mr. Rex also acts as secretary of the co-operative store at Horicon and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and representative citizens of his native county.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Rex chose Miss Esther Jesse, who was born in Leroy township, this county, on the 6th of May, 1878, her parents being Frank and Minnie (Ewald) Jesse. The father's birth occurred in the province of Pommern, Germany, on the 16th of March, 1848, while the mother was born in Uckermark, Germany, on the 2d of June, 1846. Frank Jesse came to the United States as a boy and it was on the 5th of April, 1867, that he wedded Minnie Ewald. Mr. and Mrs. Rex now have two children, as follows: Harvey, who was born on the 4th of January, 1905; and Orrin, whose natal day was May 18, 1910.

In his political views Mr. Rex is a republican. He has served in the capacity of school clerk for six years and still discharges the duties of that office. He is a devoted and consistent member of the German Evangelical church. Both he and his wife have remained residents of Dodge county throughout their entire lives and have a host of warm friends here.

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#### ALBERT A. KOCH.

Albert A. Koch is a dealer in clothing and men's furnishings in Beaver Dam and one feature of his success is the fact that he has continued in this line of trade since completing his education. His business methods, too, are such as will bear close investigation and scrutiny and although one of the younger merchants of the city he is now well and substantially established in business. Dodge county numbers him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Trenton township, March 24, 1885. His parents were Louis and Otilie (Steube) Koch, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they came to the new world, settling at once in Dodge county. The father, who also followed the occupation of farming, owned and operated one hundred and sixty acres of land which he brought under a high state of cultivation. Both he and his wife

were members of the German Lutheran church and found in its teachings the rules which governed their conduct. In his later life the father lived retired in Beaver Dam, where he passed away in 1900, being still survived by his wife. They were the parents of three children: Carl, now deceased; Gertrude, the wife of Joseph Hammer, of Beaver Dam; and Albert A.

The last named acquired a public school education and was also a student in the Spencerian Business College of Milwaukee. In 1899 his brother Carl had opened a store for the sale of men's furnishing goods and was thus connected with business interests in this city until his death in 1901. On the completion of his education Albert A. Koch entered his brother's store and is now one of the partners, Robert Baum having also acquired an interest in the business. They handle a general line of men's furnishings and their trade is steadily growing, for they have proven themselves worthy of the public patronage by reason of their straightforward dealings and the large and well selected line of goods which they carry.

On the 24th of June, 1908, was celebrated the marriage of Albert A. Koch and Miss Edith E. Nolson, a daughter of C. C. Nolson, of Beaver Dam, and they now have three children: Carl, three years of age; and Louise Otelia Koch and Louie Peter Koch, who are twins. Mrs. Koch is a member of the Episcopal church and Mr. Koch is a Royal Arch Mason, loyal to the teachings of the craft. Both are well known and the hospitality of many of the best homes in the city is accorded them. While one of the younger merchants, he has already won for himself an enviable place as a wide-awake, alert and energetic representative of commercial interests.

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#### FRANK SCHULTZ.

Frank Schultz, devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits, is the owner of an excellent farm on section 21, Hubbard township. His birth occurred in Dodge county on the 18th of July, 1877, his parents being Fred and Louisa (Schnorstein) Schultz, the former a native of Germany and the latter of this county. On attaining his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting a farm which he operated for four years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a tract of forty acres near Kekoskee and after cultivating the same for four years traded it for a farm of eighty acres near Mayville. Disposing of that place, in 1910, he took up his abode on the farm which is now in his possession and on which he has resided continuously to the present time. He devotes his attention exclusively to general agricultural pursuits and is meeting with success in this connection. He has built a silo and has improved his buildings generally, and everything about his place gives evidence of the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

On the 10th of November, 1898, Mr. Schultz was united in marriage to Miss Emma Berg, who was born in Fond du Lac county on the 13th of April, 1878, her parents being Ludwig and Mary (Brazlow) Berg, natives of Germany. Our subject and his wife now have three children, namely: Esther, who was born on the 5th of November, 1902; Viola, whose birth occurred on

the 17th of September, 1907; and Melvin, whose natal day was February 18, 1910.

In politics Mr. Schultz is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, belonging to the church of that denomination at Horicon. In the community where his entire life has been spent he enjoys the regard and esteem of an extensive circle of friends.

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#### ALBERT A. GOETSCH.

Albert A. Goetsch, residing on section 21, Oak Grove township, is the proprietor of the Pine Grove Stock Farm, on which he keeps pure bred Holstein cattle and also Duroc hogs. The place embraces one hundred and seventy-two acres and is well improved in every particular. His birth occurred in Emmet township, Dodge county, on the 19th of July, 1864, his parents being William F. and Charlotte (Learman) Goetsch, both of whom were natives of the province of Pommern, Germany. The father was born July 27, 1820, while the mother's birth occurred November 14, 1819. William F. Goetsch served as a soldier in the regular army of Germany and followed the tailor's trade in that country until 1846. In that year he emigrated to the United States, coming direct to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and locating in Emmet township, where he purchased a farm of sixty acres. Subsequently he extended the boundaries of his place by additional purchase until it comprised ninety acres, and thereon he made his home until 1885, when he disposed of the property and took up his abode on the farm which is now in possession of our subject. His demise occurred on the 12th of March, 1901, while his wife was called to her final rest in the spring of 1899. The period of his residence in Dodge county covered fifty-five years and he enjoyed an enviable reputation here as a substantial and esteemed citizen.

Albert A. Goetsch obtained his early education in the district schools of Emmet township and later pursued a course of study in the high school at Watertown. He was the youngest in a family of eleven children. After putting aside his text-books he worked for others at intervals until twenty-four years of age, when he purchased the old homestead place, which has since remained in his possession. It is situated a mile west of Juneau and comprises one hundred and seventy-two acres of rich and productive land. The modern buildings which adorn the property were all erected by him and stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. The place is known as the Pine Grove Stock Farm and is operated as a breeding farm, Mr. Goetsch keeping pure bred Holstein cattle, Duroc hogs and high grade Percheron horses. He has won gratifying success in this connection and is also a stockholder in the proposed Milwaukee Western Electric Railroad and the Juneau Cheese & Butter Company.

On the 21st of September, 1888, Mr. Goetsch was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Voth, who was born in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, on the 3d of November, 1865, her parents being Frederick and Fredericke (Zelaff) Voth, natives of the province of Pommern, Germany. They were born about the year 1820 and emigrated to the United States about the same time as our sub-

ject's parents, locating at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, where Mrs. Voth passed away in 1879. Frederick Voth, who followed farming throughout his entire business career, spent the last years of his life with his son-in-law, Mr. Goetsch, and died in 1890. Mrs. Goetsch is the youngest in a family of six children and by her marriage has become the mother of seven children, as follows: Florence, born August 4, 1890, who is a teacher in the Orphan Asylum at Racine; Frank A., whose birth occurred on the 9th of February, 1893; Inez, whose natal day was May 2, 1895; Mina, born February 12, 1900; Anson, whose birth occurred on the 7th of June, 1902; Elmer, born June 8, 1905; and Gilbert, whose natal day was July 7, 1909. All except the first named are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Goetsch is a republican in politics and has served as chairman of Oak Grove township for one term. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen and the Beavers. His entire life has been spent in Dodge county, where he is widely known and where he has so directed his labors as to win substantial success as the result of his industry and integrity.

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#### FRANZ J. HOSIG.

Franz J. Hosig, the owner of an excellent farm of eighty acres in Hubbard township, devotes his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits with gratifying success. His birth occurred in Hartford, Washington county, Wisconsin, on the 2d of April, 1865, his parents being John M. and Louisa (Kock) Hosig. The father was born in Switzerland on the 24th of January, 1829, while the mother's birth occurred in Germany on the 17th of August, 1838. John M. Hosig emigrated to the United States in the '50s and began farming near Hartford, this state. It was in the year 1862 that he wedded Miss Louisa Kock.

Franz J. Hosig obtained his education in the schools of Hubbard township, being one year of age when he came to this county with his parents, who settled on a farm in that township. He assisted his father in the work of the fields and thus early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At the age of twenty-seven years he was married but remained on the home farm and has operated the same to the present time. The property comprises eighty acres of rich and productive land and in its cultivation he has won success, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He has built an addition to the barn and repaired the residence, and the farm is now well improved in every particular.

In 1892 Mr. Hosig was united in marriage to Miss Anna Dornfeldt, who was born in Hubbard township, this county, on the 4th of December, 1869, her parents being Frederick and Henrietta (Neider) Dornfeldt, natives of Germany. Our subject and his wife have four living children, as follows: Hilda, who is now the wife of William Webber; Leona, who was born on the 30th of



October, 1894; Regina, whose natal day was March 28, 1898; and Erna, whose birth occurred on the 25th of September, 1899.

At the polls Mr. Hosig casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. His religious faith is that of the German Evangelical church. Earnest effort and intelligently directed labor have ever constituted the salient features of his business career, while his life has been governed by high principles that have gained for him the respect and good-will of his fellowmen.

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#### REV. EDWARD B. EDMUNDS.

Rev. Edward B. Edmunds who is living retired at 205 North Division street, Beaver Dam, is a splendid example of the earnest, sincere and God-fearing clergyman. He has been for over forty years a force in the Baptist church in Wisconsin, achieving undoubted success by useful, valuable and practical work. In the course of a long life he has labored steadily for the advancement of religion and for its imprinting in the hearts of the people and has earned his retirement which is more a slackening of labor than entire quiescence. Mr. Edmunds was born in Hamilton, Madison county, New York, June 18, 1839, and is a son of James and Cordelia (Spear) Edmunds, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New York. They were of Puritan ancestry and were married in Macedon, New York, and lived in Orleans county for some time. The father engaged in agricultural pursuits and spent a great deal of his time in Christian agency work being a deeply religious man. He took an active part in the foundation and early development of Colgate University and in the founding of the University of Rochester, New York. In 1855 he moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where he became identified with the Bible Revision Association and was engaged in this line of activity at the time of his death which occurred in February, 1861. His wife had passed away in the spring of 1843.

Edward B. Edmunds was the fifth in a family of seven children. He received his primary education in the district schools of Orleans county and was graduated from Colgate University in 1860 and from the seminary in 1864. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company C, Sixty-first New York Volunteer Infantry and served until December, 1862. He was poisoned with ivy in the Chickohominy Swamp in Virginia and was discharged on account of disability. He was afterward assigned to the pastorate of Avon, Illinois; Baraboo, Wisconsin; New Lisbon; Oconomowoc, and Lamartine, that state, following which he was active for one year as Sunday-school missionary, in connection with the American Sunday-School Union. For thirty-nine years following he served in the same capacity under the American Baptist Publication Society from which he retired in the spring of 1909. Since leaving his native state he has been a resident of Wisconsin practically all the time with the exception of four years between 1877 and 1881, which he spent in Michigan.

In September, 1864, Mr. Edmunds was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hovey, a daughter of William Hovey, of Whitestown, Oneida county, New York. She was the youngest of thirteen children and was born October 15,

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1836. Rev. and Mrs. Edmunds became the parents of four children: William H.; Fredrick, who died at the age of eighteen months; Cora, who died in infancy; and James, of Seattle, Washington, who is married and has one son, E. B., who is seven years of age.

Mr. Edmunds cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln and affiliated with the republican party until 1907, when he became identified with the prohibition movement. He has been a member of the Order of Gideons for many years and was the four hundred and fifty-sixth member of that organization. He is on the executive board of the Wisconsin Federation of Churches and Reforms, and is one of the vice presidents of the Wisconsin Sons of Rest Association. Rev. Edmunds also serves as a member of the board and the executive committee of the Woodland Academy, and he sits on the board of the Wisconsin state convention, being one of the Sunday-school committee of that organization. Locally he serves as chairman of the building committee in charge of the new church which is in the course of erection in Beaver Dam. He is president of the Dodge County Sunday-School Association and doing effective work in extending the influence of Sunday-schools throughout the county with beneficial results to the people. He is now seventy-three years of age and has earned the retirement he is enjoying. He has combined with firm faith and upright principles the administrative ability to make his beliefs effective and has made his life convincing by personally following the doctrines he professes.

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#### EDWIN C. WENZ.

Edwin C. Wenz is among the leading business men of Beaver Dam. He is a partner in the Newton & Wenz Company, now owning and controlling the largest general store in the city. They set the standard for other establishments of the same character, giving most careful attention to the selection of goods, to the personnel of the house and to the character of service rendered the public. Their business methods, too, are in conformity to the strictest commercial ethics and thus it is that they merit and receive a liberal share of the public patronage.

Mr. Wenz was born in Iowa October, 1857, his parents being Christian and Henrietta (Losner) Wenz, who were natives of Germany but came to America with their respective parents in the '40s. They were married in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and afterward lived in St. Paul, while later they became residents of Iowa. The father was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and at different times engaged in preaching in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He died in South Dakota in 1892, and in that state his widow still survives. He became a preacher of Beaver Dam in 1872 and remained here for three years.

His son, Edwin C. Wenz, having completed his education in the public schools, became connected with the establishment of which he is now one of the proprietors. That was in the year 1875 when he was eighteen years of age. His position was that of delivery boy, but gradually he has worked his way upward through intermediate positions until he is now general manager and president of the company. The business was organized by T. L. Newton in 1856 and conducted under the firm name of Newton & Willard. In 1883 the present firm of

Newton & Wenz was formed and under that style the business was conducted until 1901, when it was incorporated under the name of the Newton & Wenz Company, with E. C. Wenz as president and Miss D. G. Howard as secretary and treasurer. These, together with M. Prichard and E. L. Marsh, constitute the board of directors. They conduct a general store in a building forty by one hundred feet, two stories in height, with basement. Each department is a complete store in itself. The basement is used for groceries; the first floor is used for men's clothing, notions, dry goods, ladies' furnishings, men's shoes and the general offices; and the second floor houses the carpets, rugs and draperies, the cloaks and dresses and the ladies', misses' and children's ready-to-wear goods. It also contains an overflow salesroom for men's furnishings. They carry a large general line of goods in Beaver Dam and are conducting an extensive business, necessitating the employment of fourteen people. From his boyhood days Mr. Wenz has been continuously connected with this establishment and as his business ability has developed with the passing years he has gradually worked his way upward and is now at the head of the enterprise.

In 1885 Mr. Wenz was married to Miss Mary Voreck, of Beaver Dam, a daughter of William Voreck, and they now have one child, Blanch. Mrs. Wenz attends the St. Peter's Catholic church. Mr. Wenz votes independently at local elections but is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and gives generously of his time and means to further works of public progress. His membership relations are with the Masonic fraternity, he belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery. Its teachings concerning mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness find exemplification in his life and have won for him the high esteem of his brethren in the order and of the public at large.

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#### HENRY WILLIAM SCHWANTES.

Henry William Schwantes, successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits, is the owner of a farm of eighty-seven acres on section 16, Oak Grove township. His birth occurred in Hustisford township, Dodge county, on the 25th of May, 1879, his parents being August and Amelia (Schultz) Schwantes, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States about 1876, locating in Hustisford township, this county, where August Schwantes worked for others. Subsequently he cultivated rented land near Hartford, Washington county, and later purchased a farm in Hustisford township, being actively engaged in its operation for about twenty-five years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in the village of Hustisford, where his demise occurred on the 2d of February, 1911, the community thus losing one of its substantial and respected citizens. His wife was called to her final rest on the 1st of February, 1909.

Henry William Schwantes obtained his education in Hustisford and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. When twenty-one years of age he began working for others as a farm hand, being thus employed for four years. Subsequently he

cultivated rented land in Beaver Dam township for one year and then rented a farm in Oak Grove township, being busily engaged in its operation for five years. On the expiration of that period in 1908, he purchased eighty-seven acres of land about a mile northwest of Juneau, where he has since continued to reside, having brought the place under a high state of cultivation and improvement. He devotes his attention to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising and keeps from twenty to twenty-five head of dairy cattle. He is likewise a stockholder in the Juneau Cheese & Butter Company and has gained a reputation as one of the prosperous and enterprising citizens of his community.

On the 19th of August, 1901, Mr. Schwantes was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Kowell, who was born in Germany on the 25th of June, 1879, and who accompanied her parents on their emigration to the United States about 1884. Her father first worked for others but subsequently rented land in Hustisford township, this county, and here passed away soon afterward. The mother spent her last days with Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Schwantes, her demise occurring in August, 1908. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Hulda, who was born on the 25th of June, 1902; Violet, whose birth occurred on the 25th of May, 1903; and Roland, whose natal day was April 8, 1904.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Schwantes has supported the republican ticket at the polls, believing that the principles of that party are most conducive to good government. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church at Juneau. A successful farmer, an exemplary citizen, and a young man of high moral standards, he enjoys the respect of all who have come in contact with him.

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#### FELIX H. MATTHES.

In the death of Felix H. Matthes, Dodge county lost one of its well known and substantial business men. He was born in Hustisford, October 28, 1860, and that city remained the scene of his labors throughout the entire period of his busy and active life. His parents, Henry and Marie (Lorenz) Matthes, were both born in Germany, the father at Alt Ruednitz and the mother in Crossen, and were numbered among the pioneer residents of Hustisford, where the father early became identified with mercantile interests. He established his business in 1855 and to its conduct gave his entire time and attention throughout the intervening years until 1888, when he gave over to his son Felix the supervision of his store and removed to Chicago, Illinois, where he is now engaged in the real-estate business. His wife also survives.

Reared under the parental roof, Felix H. Matthes acquired his early education in the district school and this was later supplemented by a course of study in the Northwestern University at Watertown. Thus well equipped for the practical and responsible duties of life he returned home and assisted his father in the conduct of his merchandise business until he was twenty-eight years of age, when, in 1888, upon his father's removal to Chicago, he took full charge of the store. In 1902 he entirely rebuilt the building in which the store was located, making it a thoroughly modern structure in every respect, completely

equipped with all necessary accessories for the conduct of an up-to-date mercantile enterprise. He had a large and well selected stock of goods, carrying a general line of merchandise, and his business policy was such that each year witnessed a substantial increase in the volume of his trade, which eventually became large and remunerative. He continued in the conduct of his store until his death, and was numbered among the most progressive, enterprising and prosperous business men of his native city. He had other interests as well, owning a large number of thoroughbred Morgan horses and being recognized as one of the best horsemen in his district, his word being accepted as authority upon this subject. As he prospered he wisely invested his income in real estate and at the time of his death was the owner of a number of lots and other property at Hustisford.

It was on the 15th of September, 1901, that Mr. Matthes was united in marriage to Miss Emma Gebhardt, and unto them was born one son, Felix G., whose birth occurred November 12, 1908. Mr. Matthes was called from this life on the 3d of April, 1910. He is survived by his wife and son and a daughter, by a former marriage, Georgiana, now Mrs. Wallace H. Rohrschneider. Mrs. Matthes has manifested considerable business ability in the management of the affairs entrusted to her at the death of her husband. She has since sold his stock interests and has leased the store, from which a good annual rental is received. She is serving as postmaster of Hustisford, succeeding to the position after her husband's demise. She is a member of the Union church, as was also her husband, and his political support was given to the republican party. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Modern Woodmen of America. He held various local offices including that of postmaster, and for a number of years was a member of the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a warm friend. Progress may be termed the keynote to his career for he believed in material, intellectual, and moral progress, recognizing that each has its place in the scheme of the world, and his labors were an element of growth along those lines during his residence in Hustisford. He possessed too, those personal qualities which speak for honorable and upright manhood and which win friendship and regard, and in his death the community lost one of its worthy and valued citizens.

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#### JOSEPH WAGNER.

Joseph Wagner has been successfully engaged in business as florist in Beaver Dam for the past thirty-seven years. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Dodge county, his birth having here occurred on the 22d of December, 1855. His parents were Joseph and Theresa (Trauguer) Wagner. The father, who was born in Germany in 1813, emigrated to America in 1851, settling in Dodge county, Wisconsin. He was a stone mason by trade and worked at that occupation throughout his entire life, passing away on the 2d of September, 1890. To him and his wife were born the following children: Theresa, who is the wife of S. J. Schafer, of Colby, Wisconsin; Joseph, of this review; William, living in Thorp, Wisconsin; Mary, who is the wife of

Dr. Carl von Neupert and resides at Stevens Point; and Barbara, the wife of John Hanpey, of Aurora, Illinois.

Joseph Wagner attended the public and parochial schools of Beaver Dam until about fifteen years of age and subsequently continued his studies in Wayland Academy during one winter term. About 1875 he embarked in business at Beaver Dam as a florist and dealer in seeds on the present site of the public library and in 1881 sold the property to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, from which corporation the city later purchased it for a library site. As above stated, he has here been engaged in business as a florist for the past thirty-seven years and has enjoyed continued and growing success.

On the 15th of August, 1880, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Anna Waldeck, a daughter of Henry and Willemina (Donges) Waldeck, of Milwaukee. Their son, Clarence H. Wagner, who was born on the 4th of July, 1881, is a graduate of the graded and high schools and also pursued a course of study in Wayland Academy, leaving that institution in 1898. Going to the western metropolis, he entered the Chicago Musical College and following his graduation in 1902 pursued a post-graduate course as a violinist for three years. On the 26th of June, 1911, he wedded Ila Harvey, a daughter of Jervis Harvey, of East Pleasant Plain, Iowa.

Mr. Wagner is a democrat in politics and has ably served as member of the school board for several terms. In former years he was a member of Company K, the Wisconsin National Guard. In the community where his entire life has been spent he enjoys the regard and esteem of an extensive circle of friends.

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#### AUGUST GRONERT.

August Gronert is living retired upon a farm in Oak Grove township and is well known in agricultural circles of this community, having for many years operated and improved one hundred and five acres of land. He has now, however, given up the active work of the fields and has rented out his property. He was born in Prussia, November 27, 1858, a son of August and Wilhelmina (Guenther) Gronert, natives of that country, who came to America in 1858 and settled in Jefferson county, where both died.

Mr. Gronert was educated in the district schools and pursued the usual course of study until he was eighteen years of age. At that time he began earning his own livelihood, working as a farm hand for four dollars per month. For eight years he followed this line of occupation and then purchased land in Shields township, upon which he resided for four years. Selling this property, he moved to Watertown township, Jefferson county, and there remained for twenty-one years engaged in general farming, when he moved to Oak Grove township, where he still resides. He bought land which he operated and improved for a number of years, selling it in order to purchase one hundred and five acres in the same section, which he still owns. He has, however, rented out this property and is living retired.

Mr. Gronert married Miss Wilhelmina Coplene, who was born in Prussia.

November 20, 1864, a daughter of August and Sophia (Schultz) Copleen, natives of that country. They came to America in 1864 and settled in Jefferson county, coming eventually to Dodge county, where they made their home with the subject of this review until they died. Mr. and Mrs. Gronert have two children: Anna, who is residing at home; and Mary, who is the wife of Herman Schultz, a farmer of this section, by whom she has one child, Arthur.

Mr. Gronert is independent in his political views and never seeks public office. He is a member of the German Lutheran church. In all the relations of his life he has shown a progressive spirit and a policy of gradual expansion and these qualities directed toward agriculture made him thriving and prosperous during his active life and an important factor in local development.

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#### MICHAEL MANNING.

Michael Manning, engaged in farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of Holstein cattle, has a well improved and attractive place, neatness and thrift characterizing his farm, while substantial buildings, kept in good repair; are indicative of his progressive spirit. He was born in the town of Clyman, December 19, 1855. His father, Thomas Manning, a native of Ireland, was born in 1809 and was eighty-nine years of age when he departed this life. He came to America in 1844 and devoted his attention to farming, gradually acquiring a section of land in Dodge county. He married Anna Smith, who was born in Ireland and died in Clyman at the age of fifty-eight years. They were members of St. John's Catholic church of Clyman and Mr. Manning gave his political allegiance to the democratic party but was never active in politics aside from voting for the principles in which he believed.

Michael Manning spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of farm lads, dividing his time between the obtainment of an education and the work of the fields. He continued to assist his father in the cultivation and improvement of the old homestead until twenty-seven years of age, when he received from his father the farm upon which he now resides, comprising eighty acres of good land. His fields return to him a substantial income for the care and labor he bestows upon them, for his methods are both practical and progressive. He has added substantial improvements to his place, erecting all of the buildings upon his farm, including the residence, barn and sheds, which furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. The land was largely covered with timber when it came into his possession, but he has cleared away most of the trees, the timber bringing him a good price. His entire attention is devoted to farming in its various branches and in addition to tilling the fields he carries on stock-raising and dairying, owning a herd of high-grade Holstein cattle. His farm presents a most attractive appearance, for the buildings are in a state of good repair, the fences are well kept and the fields are carefully tilled.

Mr. Manning was married in 1890 to Miss Mary J. Fitzpatrick, who was born in the town of Portland, this county, October 14, 1870, a daughter of Francis and Mary A. Fitzpatrick. The father was born in Soaptown, Ohio, and is now living at Waterloo, Jefferson county, Wisconsin. The mother's birth



occurred in Sing Sing, New York, and she also survives. Mr. and Mrs. Manning became the parents of six children: Loretta, born August 27, 1891, is the wife of Edward Langer, and Marcella, born April 4, 1893, the wife of Eugene Becker. Both were well known teachers in Dodge county. Magdaline was born February 16, 1895. Edwin, born January 14, 1897, is attending school in Juneau. Cyril, born March 20, 1899, is a student in the high school at Waterloo. Bernadette, born December 9, 1904, is a pupil in the district schools. The family hold membership in St. John's Catholic church at Clyman.

Mr. Manning gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is a most active and prominent worker in its ranks. He has attended several of its state conventions as a delegate and is known to most of the political leaders of Wisconsin. For two years he served as county coroner and is now a candidate for that office. He has been chairman of the town board for ten years and he is a school director of his district. For several terms he filled the office of justice of the peace and his decisions were ever strictly fair and impartial. He is a lover of music and plays the violin, his music forming one of the attractive features of the home. A lifelong resident of Clyman township, he has witnessed the changes which have occurred here through more than a half century and is interested in all that tends to promote public progress and improvement.

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#### ALGERNON FREDERICK NOYES.

Algernon Frederick Noyes, deceased, was throughout his active business career successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in Dodge county, passing away on the farm where he was born and which had been acquired by his father from the government. His birth occurred on the 1st of November, 1848, his parents being S. N. and Mary Ann (Curtis) Noyes. The father, who was born July 19, 1818, died January 1, 1878, and the mother, whose birth occurred December 16, 1812, passed away December 6, 1903, at the remarkable age of ninety-one years. The father was a native of New Hampshire, while the mother came to this country from England in 1847. Nicholas Noyes was the first of the family to come to America, leaving the mother country in 1634 and settling in New England. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Isaac Noyes, was born in 1776 and became the father of S. Newel Noyes. The latter took up government land in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and devoted his attention to its cultivation throughout the remainder of his life. He taught school in the winter seasons both before and after his marriage and proved a capable instructor, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge which he had acquired. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he took an active interest in the work of the Assembly Presbyterian church of Beaver Dam, of which he was a charter member. To him and his wife were born four children, as follows: A. F., of this review; G. H., who is a resident of Cogswell, North Dakota; Mrs. Eda L. Atwood, residing in Templeton, Wisconsin; and Clarence, who died in infancy.

A. F. Noyes attended the graded and high schools of Beaver Dam until sixteen years of age and after putting aside his text-books worked on the home

farm with his father until he attained his majority. He spent the following four years in Minnesota, when he was married and made his home for two years in the city of Beaver Dam before returning to the home farm. In the further cultivation and improvement of that property he was busily engaged during the remainder of his life, annually harvesting crops which yielded him a gratifying income. Gradually as his means permitted, he extended the boundaries of his farm and at the time of his death owned seven hundred acres of valuable land. He took an active part in the work of the Farmers' Institute and likewise served as president of the Beaver Dam Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He died November 9, 1895.

On the 15th of December, 1873, Mr. Noyes was united in marriage to Miss Amy Baker, a daughter of William and Ann (Bradley) Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Noyes were the parents of three children: Bessie A.; Frederick A., who died in infancy, and William B., who is a student in Brown University at Providence, Rhode Island, and intends to pursue a special course in agriculture at Madison. Mr. Noyes was a republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religious faith. In his passing the community lost one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. His widow, who survives him, has an extensive circle of friends in Beaver Dam, where she makes her home.

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#### ROY M. FLETCHER.

As secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Hustisford Canning Company, Roy M. Fletcher is active in the control of one of the important business enterprises of this district. He is one of Hustisford's native sons, his birth occurring on the 11th of January, 1876, a son of David J. and Polly (Baker) Fletcher. The family is one of the oldest in Dodge county, having been established here at an early date by Daniel Fletcher, the paternal grandfather of our subject, since which time representatives of the name have been active in the material development and public life of the district. Daniel Fletcher was born near Montreal, Canada, October 15, 1812, and came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1845, stopping in Milwaukee for a short time. He then made his way to Hustisford, settling on a farm east of the village, where he continued to reside until his death in the fall of 1893. He was chairman of the township board of supervisors and also served for one term as a member of the legislature. He married Miss Emily Morgan, who was born in New York, November 27, 1817, and passed away but one week prior to the death of her husband. Their son David James Fletcher was born in Hustisford, March 17, 1846, and in the acquirement of his education attended the district school and also was a student for two terms in the Wayland Academy at Beaver Dam. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he has always been engaged in that line of activity. At the age of twenty-two years he went to Nebraska where he took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land near Lyons and also purchased one hundred and sixty acres, there remaining for six years. He then sold out his interests in that state and returned to Dodge county, purchasing property near Hustisford upon which he still resides. He owns two hundred and twenty-one and a half acres which he rents to the

Hustisford Canning Company. He has given his attention to general farming, in which he has met with most gratifying success, and expects to retire from active life in the fall of 1912 and take up his abode in the village of Hustisford. David Fletcher was married on the 5th of October, 1874, to Miss Polly S. Baker, who was born in Hustisford township in 1851. She is a daughter of George and Deborah (Van Blaricon) Baker, natives of New York state and Canada respectively, their marriage, however, occurring in Hustisford township. The father gave his entire life to the occupation of farming and became an extensive land owner in Dodge county. He also won considerable local note as a breeder of Devonshire cattle, in which occupation he was engaged until his death about 1886. He had survived his wife for many years, her death occurring in 1865. A republican in politics, he held various local offices and was among the well known and prominent residents of Dodge county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. David Fletcher were born five children of whom Roy M. Fletcher is the eldest. The others are as follows: Anna, who is assistant cashier in the Hustisford State Bank; Waldo, whose death occurred in Arizona in March, 1911; Daniel B., a resident of Chicago; and Edwin, who makes his home in Hustisford. David Fletcher gives his political support to the republican party and for a number of years has served as school clerk of the district. A life-long resident of Wisconsin, for more than six decades David Fletcher has been a witness of its growth and development. Born two years prior to the admission of the state to the Union, he has seen many of the changes that have occurred within her borders during the intervening years and has ever been deeply interested and has aided as far as possible in the work of improvement and progress.

On the old homestead near Hustisford, Roy M. Fletcher, whose name introduces this review, was reared and in the district school he acquired his early education. Later he attended the public schools of Hustisford and also had the benefit of a course of study in the Spencerian Business College, attending that institution in 1893-94. Thus well equipped by a good business training, at the early age of eighteen he accepted a position as traveling salesman or expert for the McCormick Harvester Company, and remained with that well known firm for eight years, his long continuance therewith indicating his capability and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties. He then became identified with the canning business in connection with the Hustisford Canning Company, to which he has since given his entire time and attention. He is now serving as secretary, treasurer and general manager, and as such he is exhibiting administrative ability and executive control. The firm has a large volume of trade and is one of the principal enterprises of Hustisford, and as one of its officers Mr. Fletcher stands prominent among the business men of his community.

It was on the 29th of August, 1902, that Mr. Fletcher was united in marriage to Miss Alice Fisher, who was born September 14, 1880, at West Bend, Wisconsin, a daughter of Wilson and Alice (Case) Fisher. Her parents are natives of Pennsylvania and Wisconsin respectively, the father born on the 12th of November, 1848, and the mother April 19, 1846. In early manhood Mr. Fisher was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church but later became a traveling salesman while at present he is acting as bookkeeper in the employ of a paper manufacturing company. To Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher two children have been

born: Audrey, whose birth occurred on the 18th of September, 1906; and Roy, Jr., born in July, 1909.

In politics Mr. Fletcher is an independent republican and has served as village trustee since the incorporation of Hustisford. He is well known in fraternal circles, his membership being in the blue lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Neosho; Horicon Chapter, R. A. M., at Horicon; and Olivet Commandery, No. 18, K. T., at Watertown, while he also belongs to the Eastern Star and Woodmen camp. The fundamental principles underlying these orders have found exemplification in the life of Roy M. Fletcher, whose record has been that of an honorable gentleman and upright business man, who is respected by all with whom he comes in contact and whose circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### RAY W. BAYLEY.

Ray W. Bayley, who is successfully engaged in business as a jeweler in Beaver Dam, first gained recognition here as an expert watchmaker and optician. He was born in Trenton township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and is a son of Frank W. Bayley, whose brothers and sisters were named as follows: Robinson, Gustavus, S. E., Hannah, Mary, Minerva and Alanson. Frank W. Bayley, the father of our subject, was engaged in agriculture upon an extensive tract of land six miles north of Beaver Dam and was prosperous and successful in this line of activity until he passed away in 1886 at the age of thirty-four years. Unto him and his wife were born four children, as follows: Ray W., of this review; Guy M., who died at the age of nine years; Madge W., who also passed away in the ninth year of her age; and Inez M.

Ray W. Bayley received his education in the public schools of Beaver Dam and graduated from the high school of that city in 1902. In the fall of that year he entered upon an apprenticeship in the jewelry trade which he served out in the fall of 1905, at which time he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he perfected himself in the art of watchmaking and engraving with special attention to the study of optics in the Philadelphia College of Horology and Optics. After completing his course he remained in that institution for some time as assistant instructor in engraving. In the fall of 1906 he returned to Beaver Dam and entered the employ of W. H. Becken as watchmaker and engraver. He was ambitious, energetic and economical, and after four years was able to buy a partnership in the business. On March 1, 1911, one year after he had been taken into partnership, he bought out the entire interest of Mr. Becken in the business and since that time has conducted the enterprise prosperously and successfully by himself.

On June 12, 1907, Mr. Bayley was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Q. Grolling, a daughter of Charles Grolling. Mrs. Bayley is one of eleven children born to her parents, the others being as follows: Henry, Charles, Gustaf, Ernest, Edith, Minnie, Carrie, Anna, Emma and George. To Mr. and Mrs. Bayley has been born one child, Gilbert, whose birth occurred on November 16, 1909.

In his political views Mr. Bayley is a republican and usually votes the party ticket, although he never seeks office. He is a blue lodge Mason, holding membership also in the chapter, and he is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star. He holds the position of junior deacon in Dodge County Lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M., and is affiliated with the Presbyterian church. He has gained that prosperity which results from earnest and well directed labor and is accounted one of the leading business men in his locality. He unites in his character the qualities of thrift and determination which are a solid basis for success.

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#### FRANK RICHTER.

Frank Richter owns and cultivates a farm on section 15, Clyman township, and in addition rents a tract of land which he is also developing. His place is neat and thrifty in appearance, is improved with many substantial buildings, and dairying is made a special feature of his farm work. From his boyhood days Frank Richter has lived in this county but is a native of Austria, born June 21, 1864. His parents were Frank and Anna (Worst) Richter, also natives of that country. After losing his first wife the father married Barbara Schmeiser, who was likewise born in Austria and is still living. After coming to the new world Frank Richter, Sr., followed farming in Dodge county, where he made his home until his death, in 1907. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and his religious faith was that of St. John's Catholic church.

In his youthful days Frank Richter, whose name introduces this review, worked for his father, but when he had attained his majority started out in life for himself and remained in the employ of others as a farm hand for about eight years. He afterward spent five years in Chicago, on the expiration of which period he returned to this county and worked on his father-in-law's place for four years. He next purchased the farm upon which he now resides, comprising one hundred and seventeen acres of rich and productive land on section 15 and 16, Clyman township. He also cultivates another place which he rents from D. Lynch, so that his farming interests are extensive and important. He has improved his home place in many ways, including the erection of modern buildings. He added twenty feet to his barn and erected a new and comfortable residence twenty by thirty feet. His place bespeaks care and industry and is visible evidence of his success. The products of his dairy find a ready sale on the market and bring high prices. He is treasurer of the cheese factory at North Clyman.

Mr. Richter was married in 1891 to Miss Philemina Neis, who was born in Clyman, March 5, 1865, a daughter of Peter Neis, who was a farmer of this county and died in June, 1906. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Winker, is still living on the farm west of Clyman. Mr. and Mrs. Richter have become the parents of eight children, Jennie, Frank, Rose, Clarence, Blanche, Elizabeth, Edwin John and Walter Joseph, all of whom are at home with the exception of the eldest, who is the wife of Emil Roffeis.

Mr. Richter gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has been called to a number of local offices, serving as supervisor, treasurer and as chairman of the local board for one term each. He has also been treasurer of school district No. 4 for eleven years and has been treasurer of St. John's church for six years—these offices indicating the trust reposed in him. He also holds membership in the Catholic Knights and in St. John's Catholic church at Clyman. It is his intention to make his present farm his permanent home and the careful management of his interests here is bringing to him merited success.

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PHILIP A. PANETTI, M. D.

Dr. Philip Panetti, devoting his life to the practice of medicine in Hustisford, was born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, December 19, 1870, and is the fifth in order of birth in a family of eight children. He is a son of Ernst F. and Barbara A. (Gammier) Panetti, both of whom were natives of Germany. The paternal grandfather was a native of Italy and served with Napoleon in his wars, acting as surgeon in a number of important engagements. The father, who was a practicing physician, was born in Ansbach, Bavaria, while the mother's birth occurred in Baden Baden. It was in the year 1848 that Dr. Ernst F. Panetti arrived in America, following the outbreak of the revolution in his native country. He traveled to some extent in the south and was in New Orleans during the yellow fever epidemic. Later he took up his abode in Baltimore, where he practiced his profession to the time of his death, about 1886. He served as deputy United States marshal of the Baltimore district and was otherwise prominent in public affairs aside from his profession. His widow still remains a resident of Baltimore.

Dr. P. A. Panetti attended the public schools of his native city and afterward spent four years as a student under the direction of Professor P. B. Wilson, city chemist of Baltimore. Subsequently he attended the Baltimore University Medical School and afterward entered the University of Louisville, from which he was graduated with the class of 1892. In the years 1894 and 1895 he was assistant professor of chemistry in the University of Baltimore. He was twenty-two years of age when he began the practice of medicine following his graduation, devoting his time and energies to his chosen calling in his native city for six years, after which he removed to the middle west and has since remained in general practice in Hustisford. He is now medical examiner for several life insurance companies and in addition he has a large general practice which he carefully and successfully handles, for he has ever been a thorough student of the great scientific principles which underlie his work and also of the practical phases of his profession.

On the 15th of April, 1897, Dr. Panetti was married to Miss Emma Smith, who was born in Baltimore, August 16, 1879, and is a daughter of Frederick W. and Margaret Anna (Roemer) Smith, who were also natives of Germany. The father was a cigar manufacturer and both he and his wife died in Baltimore. Dr. and Mrs. Panetti have two children: Philip Allen, born June 13,

1900; and Margaret Anna, born February 23, 1909. The family is prominent socially in Hustisford and their circle of friends is an extensive one. Dr. Panetti is well known in fraternal connections, holding membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, the United Order of Foresters and the Royal Neighbors, while in Masonry he has attained high rank in the York Rite. He belongs to Neosho Lodge, No. 108, F. & A. M., in which he has served as junior warden; Horicon Chapter, R. A. M.; and Olivet Commandery, K. T., at Wattertown. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he is now serving as village health officer. For about nine years he filled the office of clerk of the school board of Hustisford and was a member of the board of directors for four years. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend and he is a staunch supporter of all those influences and measures which are valuable features in the life and progress of every community. He holds to high ideals in his chosen line of work and with a sense of conscientious obligation discharges every professional duty.

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#### MAJOR PHILIP J. ZINK.

Philip J. Zink holds the rank of major in the Wisconsin National Guard and has a record of twenty-five years of continuous service as a member of that organization. He is an expert in military tactics and in army maneuvers and has seen active duty in the Spanish-American war as a member of the Porto Rican Corps. He was born October 23, 1870, and is a son of Philip and Frances (Hammer) Zink, both natives of Germany. They were born near Berlin and were married in Wisconsin in 1859. The father came to America in 1842 and located immediately in Beaver Dam, where he followed the cooper's trade for many years. He was democratic in his political views and gave his allegiance to the Roman Catholic church. He died in Beaver Dam in 1900 but his wife survives him and is living in Milwaukee. They were the parents of ten children, Joseph, Frances, Annie, Mary, Emma, Philip, Kunnie, Frank, John and William.

Philip J. Zink was educated in the public schools of Beaver Dam and in the local parochial institutions. He laid aside his books at the age of fifteen years and worked at the cooper's trade for two years. For thirteen years he was employed in a woolen mill and then was identified for a year with the mills of the Malleable Iron Range Company. He subsequently bought a half-partnership in a cafe conducted by Louis Schulze and this business is now conducted under the name of Schulze & Zink's Cafe. He has from an early period been prominently connected with military affairs. His army career began on September 13, 1888, when he enlisted in Company K, Second Regiment, Wisconsin National Guard. His advance was rapid and continuous. He was made corporal in 1893 and in the following year was promoted to the rank of sergeant, later becoming second lieutenant. In 1896 he was promoted captain and served in this capacity until 1898, when he was mustered out of the state guard and immediately thereafter entered the United States army as a member of the Wisconsin Volunteers. This body of soldiers was mustered out on the 19th of

November, of the same year, and was immediately reorganized with Philip J. Zink as captain. He earned his promotion to the rank of major in 1909 and has since held this commission. He saw active duty in the Spanish-American war as a member of the Porto Rican Corps and is regarded an expert in military affairs.

On January 26, 1898, Major Zink was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hartle, a daughter of Jacob and Frances (Schweiger) Hartle, in whose family were nine children, Mary, Lucas, Edward, Michael, Alma, Fred, Jacob, Raymond and Bernard. To Major and Mrs. Zink have been born five children, of whom four passed away in infancy. Arthur, whose natal day was March 8, 1906, is the only child living. Major Zink is a consistent democrat and always votes the party ticket. He affiliates with the Roman Catholic church.

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#### ALFRED CLOUGH.

Alfred Clough who died in Beaver Dam, November 14, 1903, was an expert machinist and had followed that line of occupation since he was twenty-one years of age, obtaining distinct success by reason of his industry, determination and practical knowledge. He had been a resident of Wisconsin since he was three years old, but was born in Canaan, Vermont, on the 7th of August, 1845. His parents were Obadiah and Dorothy (Morrison) Clough, who came to Wisconsin in 1848, where the father took up two hundred acres of land near Rolling Prairie which he improved and operated until his death, which occurred in May, 1900. His wife survived him until September of the same year and both are buried in Highland cemetery, near Rolling Prairie.

Alfred Clough was the second in a family of nine children. He grew up on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools of his native section. When he was twenty-one years of age he left Dodge county and went to Minnesota, where he purchased land and followed general farming for some time. He returned at length to Dodge county where he worked at the machinist's trade in Horicon, later following the same occupation in Beaver Dam. He was an expert machinist and well versed in the technical details of his occupation, basing a distinct and substantial prosperity upon his industry and efficiency. He worked until three years before his death, when failing health compelled his retirement.

On September 27, 1871, Mr. Clough was united in marriage to Miss Mary McFarland, a daughter of James and Mary McFarland, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Ohio. Both had lived in Wisconsin since their early childhood and were married in Oak Grove, Dodge county. James McFarland was an intelligent student of natural history and pursued his studies in association with his uncle, Dr. Asa Fitch, a well known naturalist. He came to Dodge county when he was twenty-one years of age and engaged in general farming, following this line of occupation until the outbreak of the Civil war when he enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment. He was killed in the engagement at Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, and was buried on the battlefield. His wife



afterward sold the farm and went to Oak Grove, later coming to Beaver Dam where she is now living in the eighty-fifth year of her age. Mrs. Clough was the eldest in a family of four children and was born on March 9, 1853. She and her husband became the parents of six children: William, who lives in Oshkosh, is married and has five children; George, who is married and resides in Beaver Dam; Frank, of Beaver, who is married and has one child; Lutie, who is engaged in the millinery business in Beaver Dam; Cora, who is employed in a store in the same city; and Blanche, who is engaged as a mail clerk in the range works in Beaver Dam.

Mr. Clough was a republican in his political beliefs. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was well known in Dodge county as a man of exemplary life. He had many friends in the section in which he resided since he was three years of age, and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

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#### RICHARD A. GOEGGERLE.

Richard A. Goeggerle is one of the progressive and successful merchants of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and is widely known as a man who by his excellent business ability has built up a flourishing grocery establishment, which is counted among the most reliable mercantile enterprises in the city. He was born on November 1, 1878, in the city in which he is now residing. His parents were Anton H. and Magdalene (Ingerl) Goeggerle, the former born May 22, 1840, and the latter May 16, 1833. The father of our subject was a native of Germany and spent his childhood and youth in that country. During his term of military service he took part in one of the wars of Prussia in the latter half of the nineteenth century. He came to America in 1866, settling in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, where he followed his trade of blacksmithing until 1890. He is now living retired and has many friends in this city who regard him as an enterprising and representative man. He and his wife became the parents of three children: John J., of Ashland, Wisconsin; Martha M., now Mrs. J. Miller, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Richard A., the subject of this sketch. The mother of our subject had two children by a former marriage, Joseph and Helen Patzlsperger, who are both residing in Ashland, Wisconsin.

Richard A. Goeggerle was educated in the parochial and public schools of Beaver Dam and pursued his education until he was sixteen years of age. In 1906 he entered into partnership with William Skahen and purchased the grocery business belonging to August Schade. The enterprise was conducted under the name of Skahen & Goeggerle for a short time and was afterward known as Goeggerle Brothers for one year. At the end of that time Richard Goeggerle took entire charge of the business and has since conducted it independently with increasing success. The zeal with which he has devoted his energies to the expansion of his business, the careful attention which he gives to his customers and the tasteful and attractive arrangement of his store have brought him a large business and have made him very successful in its conduct.

In his political affiliations Mr. Goeggerle is a consistent democrat and always votes the party ticket. He belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and is trustee of St. Peter's Benevolent Society. He is a devout Roman Catholic to which religion his father also gives his allegiance. His business methods are at all times straightforward and honorable and the prosperous business which he has built upon this worthy foundation is a fitting tribute to his ability and industry.

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JOHN BRAYMAN.

John Brayman, deceased, was one of the first and most prominent pioneers in the agricultural development of Dodge county and a man who for many years gave most of his time and attention to the development of one of the representative industries of his section. He was born in Clinton county, New York, March 9, 1807, and from an early age was identified with farming. He became the owner of a farm in Chautauqua county, New York, and developed and improved his holdings until 1843. In that year he started west with his family, traveling overland across the plains. For a year and a half he remained at Waukegan, Illinois, but in 1845 came to Dodge county and took up a tract of government land, a part of which is within the present town limits of Horicon. He developed, improved and cultivated this tract until 1849 and put it into excellent condition by his care and labor. When the great gold discoveries were made in California in 1849 he mortgaged his Wisconsin farm, paying thirty per cent interest on the amount of money he obtained. With this capital he went to the Pacific coast and spent three years in mining and prospecting. He did not, however, meet with any great success and in 1852 returned to Wisconsin and settled upon his farm. In the same year he left his original property and bought another tract near Lake Horicon and the old Horicon cemetery, upon which he lived for a number of years. Finally he disposed of this also and went to Illinois and later to Nebraska, where he took up land and was successful as a general agriculturist until he went to Iowa and made his home in Independence, where his death occurred. His passing was widely regretted throughout Dodge county, where he had lived so many years and where his activities had been valuable factors in development. His integrity, energy and straightforward policy combined with his many qualities of mind and heart to make his name honored and respected wherever it was known.

In 1832 Mr. Brayman married Miss Hannah Krouskop Sands, who was born on the Delaware river in New York state, October 7, 1813. She was a descendant of Captain James Sands, of Block Island, a native of England, and prominent and influential in that country and America. Mr. and Mrs. Brayman became the parents of eight children. The eldest son, Orin, was born August 9, 1836, and died in Horicon, June 9, 1852. The second child was a daughter, Mary, whose birth occurred July 20, 1838. She came with her father to this section of Wisconsin and lived upon a farm which later became a part of the city of Horicon before the village was laid out. She was a member of the first school established in Horicon. The summer school was held in a barn and the accom-



modations as well as the courses of study offered were extremely limited. However, Miss Brayman made use of every opportunity and by constant and wide reading fitted herself for teaching and has since become one of the most prominent educators in this part of the state, where she has done able work in raising standards of efficiency and developing better and more adequate methods. She first taught in the district schools but when Mr. Pickett came to Horicon as principal of the first high school of the village she was appointed his assistant and did able work in this capacity until she went to Janesville, where she remained for five years and four months. At the end of that time she went to Whitewater and there for two years taught in the normal school before she went to Fredonia, New York. Her intention in making this move was to get the advantage of a broader education along her special line and to get in touch with other systems and methods. She accordingly took a normal course under Dr. Armstrong and after completing it went to her aunt's home at Sherman, New York, where she remained a short time. However, she was soon given a position by Dr. Armstrong, her duties being to introduce a primary department in the normal schools. In the beginning of the following year she went to Platteville, Wisconsin, and taught in the normal school in that city for twelve years. Her health failing, she was obliged to give up her work and she went to Nuckolls county, Nebraska, where she had previously invested her savings in a tract of wild land. She remained upon this property for six years and during that time transformed it from an undeveloped state into one of the finest and most intelligently managed farms in the section. Upon her six hundred acres of land she built a modern residence, equipped with all conveniences and luxuries and she made this her home for some time. It was, however, wrecked by a cyclone and Miss Brayman was herself severely injured. Her leg was broken and the physician in attendance did not set the bone correctly and Miss Brayman was obliged to have it broken a second time. However, she eventually recovered and after selling her land went to the state of Washington, where she invested in real estate on the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, near Prosser. Gradually she added to her holdings until she owned three fine farms. Two of these she has since sold but still holds title to a large tract of land in that vicinity. She has definitely established her home in Horicon and is taking a well earned rest after useful labor. She is a woman of broad culture and wide reading and has traveled extensively through Europe. She was upon the continent in 1881 at the time of President Garfield's assassination and at this time she also visited Palestine and the surrounding countries, returning to America in the following year. Her career is an effective demonstration of the fact that business ability is not by any means monopolized by men. During the years of her identification with teaching she did important work in expansion, development and systematizing and when her activities were devoted to more purely business affairs she showed a shrewdness, discernment and executive force which soon brought her well deserved success. She has, however, other claims to the high respect and esteem in which she is held, for she is a splendid example of the modern woman of unusual ability along various lines, and her fine qualities of mind and heart have greatly endeared her to her many friends.

The third child born to Mr. and Mrs. John Brayman was Julia, whose birth occurred in New York, August 25, 1840. She married, on September 12, 1864,

Thomas McNeill, who saw active service during the Civil war and was the first Union soldier to take a prisoner at the battle of Bull Run. Mrs. McNeill died January 5, 1865. Rhoda Ann was born October 9, 1842, and married, on November 17, 1868, M. L. Schermerhorn, of Lynn, Nebraska. Marshall was born September 12, 1845, in Horicon, and he resides in Ludington, Michigan. He is a veteran of the Civil war and was active for two periods of enlistment, serving for the second time under General Brayman. He married, on September 28, 1870, Miss Carrie H. King, whose birth occurred August 20, 1848. Milton was born July 2, 1848, and married, on November 1, 1867, Miss Delia De Bois. The later years of his life were spent in California and he died in that state, May 30, 1909. Hester Helena was born July 20, 1850, and married, on September 25, 1874, D. H. Dowland, a dry-goods merchant in Spokane, Washington. His birth occurred September 21, 1850. The youngest child born to Mr. and Mrs. John Brayman was Lovena Amanda, whose birth occurred June 24, 1853. She married, on June 10, 1873, J. W. Kern, a railroad agent at Doniphan, Nebraska. Mrs. Kern died on the 16th of June, 1888.

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HENRY M. HOLTZ, M. D.

Dr. Henry M. Holtz is one of the prominent physicians of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and has built up during the years of his residence in this city a rapidly growing practice based upon efficiency and professional skill. He was born January 31, 1871, in Portland, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and is a son of George and Sophia (Fuhrmann) Holtz. His father was born in Germany on October 10, 1841, and left his native country for America in 1852. He came to Elba, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and engaged in agriculture until 1902, when he retired from active life and removed to Columbus where he died shortly afterward, on the 3d of April, 1902. His wife was born on December 26, 1846. She is still living in Columbus, Wisconsin, in her sixty-sixth year. Mr. and Mrs. George Holtz were the parents of three children: Anna, who is Mrs. Bucholz of Hitchcock, South Dakota; William, who resides in Portland; and Henry, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Holtz was educated in Elba district school No. 8, and pursued his studies until he was twenty years of age. He supplemented this education by two years in college at Berea, Ohio. He later entered the Hahnemann Medical School in Chicago and was graduated therefrom in 1897. He received a degree from Rush Medical College in 1898, also going through both medical colleges. He located immediately for practice in Beaver Dam and has been steadily gaining in prominence and prosperity since that time. He is affiliated with the Wisconsin and Dodge County Medical Societies and always keeps abreast of the times by exhaustive and practical reading.

On the 22d of June, 1904, Dr. Holtz was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Rissman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rissman of Beaver Dam. Mrs. Holtz' parents are both dead. Her mother passed away at the age of fifty years and her father when he was eighty-one years of age. In his political views Dr. Holtz coincides with the republican party, to which organization his father

also belonged. He is active in all phases of the medical profession and served as city physician of Beaver Dam with great ability in 1904. His success has been achieved by reason of intellectual attainment and his professional skill, and is the direct result of progressive methods and scientific efficiency.

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#### R. P. BINZEL.

R. P. Binzel is at the head of an extensive brewing business in Beaver Dam, and the enterprise and close application which he displays in its conduct have been the salient qualities in his success. He was born in Germany, a son of John P. Binzel, who was a native of Germany. On coming to this country he embarked in the brewing business in Milwaukee, and for forty-four years he was the owner of the brewery which is now in possession of his son, R. P. Binzel, and Xavier Weix. He held to high standards in the manufacture of beer and won a place among the representative business men of the city. His death occurred February 21, 1901, when he was seventy years of age.

His son, R. P. Binzel, was educated in the public and high schools, which he attended until sixteen years of age, when he began working in the brewery with his father, acquainting himself with every principle and detail of the business. On the 10th of December, 1906, he purchased the brewery which he is still conducting with Xavier Weix as a partner. This brewery has been in operation for sixty years and now has a capacity of about ten thousand barrels annually. Modern machinery has been installed and scientific processes are followed in manufacture, so that the output finds a ready sale with the purchasing public.

On the 5th of February, 1901, Mr. Binzel was united in marriage to Miss May Brannick, a daughter of Joseph and Susan Brannick. Mr. and Mrs. Binzel have become parents of two sons: Theobald, born November 14, 1902; and Rudolph F., born June 14, 1910. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church. Long a resident of Beaver Dam, Mr. Binzel is widely known and is popular among the German-American residents of the city, while in business circles he has made for himself a creditable name by his reliable and enterprising methods.

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#### GEORGE E. DRAHEIM.

George E. Draheim, who has been acting as mail carrier in Beaver Dam since October 13, 1908, was born in Germany, December 31, 1882, a son of William Draheim. The parents were natives of the fatherland and came to America, settling in Beaver Dam in 1889. Here the father followed the trade of shoemaking, which he had learned in his native country, and now has one of the prosperous establishments of this kind in the city.

Mr. Draheim was the fifth in a family of ten children. He was educated in the public schools of Beaver Dam and when he was twenty-one began work

in the factories of this city. He followed this occupation until October 13, 1908, when he was appointed mail carrier and has since held that position, being today one of the reliable and trustworthy members of the local force.

On February 5, 1906, Mr. Draheim was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Bell Richards, a daughter of Charles H. Richards, of Beaver Dam. Mrs. Draheim is the eldest in a family of three children and was born on the 6th of September, 1886. She and her husband have one daughter, Ethel Marion. In his political views Mr. Draheim keeps himself independent of party lines, preferring to maintain his freedom of conviction and voting always for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position. He is intelligently interested in public affairs but never seeks office. He and his family affiliate with the Lutheran church.

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#### PETER BEULE.

The death of Peter Beule on June 18, 1912, marked the passing of one of Beaver Dam's most enterprising business men and foremost citizens. For almost half of a century he had been identified with commercial and civic development, promoting general welfare and accomplishing his own success and contributing to that of the city, which was almost his first home in America. He was of German origin, being born at Hengesbaeck, Kreis Meschede, Regierungsbezirk Arnsberg, Provinz Westphalen, Germany, March 22, 1845. He came to America in 1866, landing in Baltimore, on the 17th of June and coming directly to Dodge county, where he secured work on a farm in Lomira township. After a short period of residence in that section Mr. Beule came to Beaver Dam where he entered the employ of W. C. Griffith as druggist's apprentice, later forming a partnership with Edward Elwell and purchasing his employer's business. This association existed for one year after which Mr. Beule conducted the enterprise alone until 1898, when he was compelled on account of ill health to take a rest, disposing of his drug business. It was in the following year that he was made cashier of the German National Bank, which position he was holding at the time of his death. He was also a stockholder and director of the bank. He was treasurer of the Beaver Dam Malleable Iron Company and the Woolen Manufacturing Company and was connected with the Malleable Iron Range Company. His association with these enterprises dating back to the time of their organization. He was also prominent in the affairs of several other local industries and was president of the Sun Coal Company of Caryville, Tennessee, at the time of his death.

Mr. Beule was twice married. His first union was with Miss Mary Fischer, whom he wedded in 1872, and who with an infant daughter died one year later. On May 13, 1879, he was again married, his second wife being Miss Caroline Sherman of Beaver Dam. To this union three children were born; Arthur F., who graduated in law at the State University and whose promising career was cut short by death at the age of twenty-three years; Alfred, who died when he was twelve years old; and Myrtha Dorothea, who married Ira E. Burtis of Chicago, Illinois, by whom she has one daughter, Caroline.

In his political affiliations Mr. Beule was a consistent democrat and served as a member of the school board for one term. He was a government oil inspector for ten years and did able work along this line. He gave his allegiance to the Roman Catholic faith. During his active years he contributed to the general growth of Beaver Dam by his efficient and capable management of the affairs with which he was directly connected and by his public-spirited interest in the growth and upbuilding of some of the most important industries in the district. Through his efforts and those of his contemporaries the city has changed from a country town to a position where it ranks with foremost manufacturing communities of the state. His career dates back to the beginning of municipal organization and he witnessed the gradual development and growth as his own prominence increased and with it his importance in the commercial world. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand to a newly established industry. Judged by every modern standard he was a successful man. The work which he did he did well, gaining prosperity by adhering to standards of honor and integrity, which qualities as elements in his character made him a public-spirited citizen and an upright and worthy man.

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#### CHARLES W. HELBING.

Charles W. Helbing is conducting a drug business and dealing in allied lines in Beaver Dam, gaining recognition as an upright and thoroughly modern business man. He was born in October, 1873, and is a son of Carl and Elizabeth (Rose) Helbing. He is of German ancestry, his grandfather, Carl August Helbing, having been born in that country. The father of Charles Helbing was one of four children born to his parents. The others are: Mrs. Sophia Vetter of Beaver Dam; Gottfried, deceased; and Fred, who has also passed away. The father of our subject followed agricultural pursuits for many years. He was a native of Germany and came to America, settling in Dodge county, Wisconsin, when he was a young man. He farmed in this section until 1881 and in that year retired, removing to Beaver Dam, where he now lives. He served his country in the Federal army during the Civil war. He is a democrat and a staunch supporter of the principles of this party. He belongs to the Lutheran church. To him and his wife were born four children: Mrs. Emma Butterbrod of Beaver Dam; Johanna, who lives in the same city; Charles W., the subject of this review; and Philip, a resident of Horicon.

Charles W. Helbing was educated in the public schools of Beaver Dam and attended the local high school. He is an expert pharmacist, having been graduated from the Wisconsin State University at Madison, receiving his degree of Ph. G. in 1894. He has been connected with the drug business since he began his active career. When he completed his education he entered the employ of Peter Beule and gained a practical experience in his chosen field of endeavor which has been a valuable asset to him ever since. He was eventually able to buy out the interests of W. D. Chandler and in July, 1897, established himself independently in the drug business which he carries on along modern lines.



He is an expert chemist and pharmacist and gives careful attention to his store, and particularly to the prescription department.

On July 10, 1902, Mr. Helbing married Miss Freda Miller, a daughter of Bernard and Frederica Miller, of Trenton, Wisconsin. Mrs. Helbing is one of the following children, born to her parents: Mrs. August Lidtke of Fox Lake, Wisconsin; John E., of Beaver Dam; Bernard, who resides in Trenton, Wisconsin; and Mrs. Leon Whitmore, of Beaver Dam. To Mr. and Mrs. Helbing have been born three children: Carl Bernard, whose birth occurred on April 16, 1906; Harry M., born August 22, 1908, who died on the 29th of January, 1910; and John Frederick, born on the 7th of December, 1911.

In his political views Mr. Helbing is independent and takes a laudable interest in public affairs. He is connected with the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association and his fraternal affiliations include identification with the Masons, in which he holds membership in lodge and chapter. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum and is also prominent in the affairs of the Tribe of Ben Hur. He represents high standards in business and honorable and progressive methods. He gives his undivided attention to his enterprise and has brought it to a prosperous condition by continuous industry.

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#### THEODORE W. OHNSTEDT.

Theodore W. Ohnstedt is conducting a general stock farm in Clyman township, making a specialty of raising horses and cattle. This is the old homestead of the Ohnstedt family and was the birthplace of our subject, whose natal day was April 21, 1872. His parents were Henry and Caroline (Klehn) Ohnstedt, the former born in Hamburg, Germany, July 5, 1824, and the latter in Prussia on the 5th of September, 1842. Mrs. Ohnstedt's father, Daniel Klehn, was a blacksmith and after traveling extensively he came to Watertown, Wisconsin, in 1853, there establishing a blacksmith shop in 1855. As the years passed by he built up a large business which he conducted successfully until 1871, when he removed to Seymour and engaged in blacksmithing and farming up to the time of his death, which occurred in the year 1885. His widow afterward went to live with a daughter at Parkston, South Dakota, and there passed away in 1888.

Henry Ohnstedt, who was a shepherd in early life, came to the United States in 1853 and made his way direct to Watertown. He was married August 11, 1867, and afterward was employed at railroad work and at other occupations. At times he spent the summer seasons in the harvest fields and also followed carpentering. At length by reason of his unfaltering industry and his careful expenditure he was enabled to purchase two pieces of residence property in the sixth ward, where he established his home and there engaged in raising chickens. He then purchased the farm upon which his son Theodore now resides and for twenty-eight years was active in its further cultivation and improvement. He began here with eighty acres of land to which he added from time to time as his financial resources increased until at his death, in 1896, he owned two hundred and twenty acres. He was twice married but had no children by his first marriage. One of Mrs. Ohnstedt's brothers, Daniel Klehn, was a soldier of the

Civil war and was wounded at the time of General Lee's surrender. Mrs. Caroline Ohnstedt survives her husband and lives on the old farm, keeping house for her sons.

In taking up the personal history of Theodore W. Ohnstedt we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in this locality where he has always resided, living continuously on the old homestead from the time of his birth to the present. Since his father's death in April, 1896, he has had entire charge of the farm and makes stock-raising the leading feature of the place, giving his attention chiefly to the raising of good horses and cattle. He is one of four children, the others being: George, who was born June 3, 1868, and is a farmer and mechanic living at Landsport, North Dakota; Frank, who was born July 3, 1870, and is a farmer residing at Dorchester, Clark county, Wisconsin; and Urania, who was born May 23, 1876, and is still at home. Theodore Ohnstedt concentrates his attention and energies upon his farming and stock-raising interests, turning aside for no active participation in political or public affairs. He finds that his agricultural interests make a continuous demand upon his time and his capable management and unfaltering industry are important factors in the success which he has achieved.

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#### PATRICK CALLAHAN.

For twenty-eight years Patrick Callahan has been carrying on general farming on one hundred and sixty-five acres of land on section 14, Clyman township, and is accounted one of the most able and successful agriculturists in Dodge county. He was born in Clyman township, March 13, 1852, and is a son of Charles and Rebecca (Mavis) Callahan, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Pennsylvania. His father came to America in the early '40s and in 1844 settled on the farm in Dodge county now occupied by his son. He found here a tract of unbroken wilderness and the land which he took up was covered with a heavy growth of timber. With resolute energy he applied himself to its development and improvement and soon had a profitable modern farm, upon which he resided until his death, in February, 1872. His wife passed away in April, 1888.

In the acquirement of an education Patrick Callahan attended district school in Clyman township and when not engaged with his books aided in the work of his father's farm. Upon the latter's death he was joint-heir to the property with the other members of the family, but he did not immediately engage in agricultural pursuits. In May, 1881, he left Wisconsin and went west, where he remained for three years engaged in various occupations. When he returned he assumed the management of the homestead and in 1895 purchased the interests of the other heirs and has since been sole owner. He carries on general farming and is likewise extensively interested in dairying, keeping a fine herd of cows for this purpose. He has constantly followed a policy of improvement and during the years has erected the necessary buildings upon his land, including a fine new residence and a granary. All of his time is given to the management of his farm, which he has made modern and complete in every respect.

In 1891 Mr. Callahan was united in marriage to Miss Bridget O'Meara, who was born in Clyman township about the year 1862. Her father, Patrick O'Meara, was a native of Ireland but died in America. Her mother has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Callahan have three children: Charles, eighteen years of age, who lives at home; Ettie, who is fourteen years of age and who is attending public school; and Clara, aged twelve, who is also pursuing her studies. The family are devout members of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Callahan gives his allegiance to the democratic party but is not active in public life. His interests are, however, thoroughly identified with those of Clyman township and his long period of work has been an important factor in the agricultural development of the section. He has made many friends in this locality, who honor him for the success he has won and for the upright and honorable methods by which it was attained.

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#### ROBERT C. DRAKE.

Robert C. Drake carries on general farming in Clyman township, owning and cultivating one hundred and twenty acres of land and at the same time engaging successfully in the breeding and raising of registered Holstein cattle. He was born in New Jersey, June 18, 1853, and is a son of Martin and Sophia (McKinley) Drake, who were also natives of the same state. In early life the father engaged in merchandising but subsequently turned his attention to farming, which he followed in the east until June, 1854, when he came with his family to Wisconsin. In the fall of the same year he purchased the farm upon which his son Robert now resides and made it his home until his life's labors were ended in death, on the 2d of May, 1887. His widow afterward removed to Oak Grove, where she died about five years later. Mr. Drake was a worthy and influential resident of his community and served his township as chairman of the board for several terms, was also clerk and treasurer for a number of terms and justice of the peace for several years. Every official duty that devolved upon him was promptly, faithfully and capably executed and he was accounted one of the substantial residents of the community.

Robert C. Drake was the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children and was only about a year old when brought by his parents to this state, since which time he has made his home in Dodge county. His education was acquired by attendance at the district schools of Clyman township and his father carefully trained him in the work of the fields, so that broad practical experience constituted the basis of his success. When he began farming on his own account at the age of twenty-five years he went to Iowa, where he was employed by others for about fifteen months and with this exception he has continuously remained in Dodge county. Upon his return he rented the old homestead and following his marriage he operated the farm for his mother until her death, when he purchased eighty acres of the other heirs in the property and came into possession of the home place and afterward bought forty-five acres of the old Squire Atwater farm. He cultivates the farm in a general way, raising the cereals best adapted

to the soil and climate, and he also makes a specialty of breeding Holstein cattle, keeping some very fine stock. He is a member of the Holstein Association and is well known among stock-raisers of this part of the state.

On the 25th of May, 1887, Mr. Drake was married to Miss Hermine Cruidt, who was born in Lebanon township, Dodge county, a daughter of Adolph and Emily Cruidt, who were natives of Germany and who became early settlers of this county, living for many years in Lebanon township. The father has long since passed away and during the latter part of her life the mother lived with her children, passing away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Drake. To Mr. and Mrs. Drake have been born three children: Edna, whose birth occurred October 2, 1892; Raymond, born February 25, 1894; and Alice, born June 20, 1897. Mr. Drake has never allied himself with any of the political parties nor has he sought or desired public office. He has felt that his time was better spent in devotion to his business interests and he is accounted one of the leading and progressive farmers of his community, working along lines that bring to him substantial success.

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#### JOHN LOUIS ZIEGLER.

The M. Ziegler Brewing Company, Incorporated, is operating one of the most flourishing and prosperous establishments of the kind in Dodge county, which, on account of its rapid growth is becoming a vital factor in the commercial life of Mayville, Wisconsin. At its head and dominating its commercial policy is John Louis Ziegler, who has been identified with the business since he was fifteen years of age and is regarded as one of the representative business men of Beaver Dam. He is himself an expert malster and is carrying on the business which his father founded. He is no unworthy representative of an important industry. He was born on October 24, 1858, in Mayville, Wisconsin, and is a son of Mathew and Adelheid (Tannhauser) Ziegler. His father was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to America in September, 1858. He located in Mayville, Wisconsin, and was connected with the brewing business for a number of years. He bought an establishment of his own in 1873 and incorporated it under the name of the M. Ziegler Brewing Company. He was active in its operation and controlled its policy until his death in February, 1892. He was one of the prominent citizens of Mayville for many years and active in political lines. He served as city treasurer with ability and energy, having been elected on the democratic ticket. He was an accomplished musician having the true German love of that art and received his education along this line in his native country. He was director of the first band in Mayville, an organization justly noted in its day, and never gave up his interest in music of this character. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church and to this faith his wife also gave her allegiance. They were the parents of eight children: Frank, deceased; John Louis, the subject of this sketch; Emil P.; Edward, who has also passed away; Eugene, who resides in Mayville; Clotilda, the wife of Dr. Balg of Milwaukee, a doctor of languages; and Adelheid and Willibald, both of whom died in infancy.

John Louis Ziegler was educated in the public schools of Mayville, but his

opportunities along this line were limited. He laid aside his books at the age of fourteen years and after spending one year in a tannery entered his father's business in a minor capacity. His rise has been gradual. He has been identified with almost every position in the brewing industry and in this way has gained a detailed knowledge of the various branches of the business. He is now in active management of the M. Ziegler Brewing Company and the Louis Ziegler Brewery, of Beaver Dam. He is president of the M. Ziegler Brewing Company and seven years ago purchased the Goegeerle Brewery, which he now owns and operates under the name of the Louis Ziegler Brewery.

On the 20th of October, 1880, Mr. Ziegler was united in marriage to Miss Anna Greiner, a daughter of Joseph and Maria (Brunner) Greiner. Mrs. Ziegler's parents were married on October 20, 1857, at Leroy, Wisconsin, and made their home in that town for a number of years. The father came to Leroy, Wisconsin, in 1851. The mother is of German ancestry, her father, Michael Brunner, coming from Bavaria, Germany, and settling in Leroy in 1851. He died in that village in 1878, when he was eighty-nine years of age. Joseph Greiner was a descendant of Jacob Greiner, who served in the French army under Napoleon, was one of the survivors of Napoleon's army, that went in to that memorable campaign of the Great Corsican against Russia in 1812. Joseph Greiner, the father of Mrs. Ziegler, participated in the American Civil war. He served in the Forty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry as corporal and was honorably discharged at the end of the war. To Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler have been born eight children: Cecilia and Ottilia, twins, the former the wife of Felix Burger and the latter of Reinhold Ruedebusch; Mathew, who died at the age of twelve years; Lydia, now Mrs. John Brodesser, of Fox Lake, Wisconsin; Marie E., who died at the age of four years; Adelaide, who is twenty-three years of age and took a special course in music at Wayland Academy; Louis J., aged nineteen; and Maria, who is fifteen years of age. Mr. Ziegler is a firm believer in efficient and practical schooling and has given all his children a high-school education. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is widely known as a man of exemplary character. In his political affiliations he is a consistent democrat and served one term as councilman. He was fire chief of Mayville for a number of years and has always done his public duty well when called upon. He is a good financier and business man and, as the years have gone by, has gradually built up a successful enterprise, the expansion of which is going forward rapidly and is one of the important factors in the commercial progress of Beaver Dam.

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#### JOSEPH METZGER, Jr.

Joseph Metzger, Jr., is operating a fine farm of one hundred and thirty acres which he rents from his father and in its management has met with a degree of success which places him among the prosperous agriculturists of Dodge county. He is a native son of Wisconsin, born in Clyman township, August 9, 1876, his parents being Joseph and Margaret (Inglehart) Metzger. His father was born in Clyman township and has spent his entire life in this section. Most

of his time has been given to farming and he has now a fine property. The mother of our subject was born in Hubbleton, Wisconsin, and remained in the state until her death. After she passed away Joseph Metzger married Miss Louise Seitz.

Joseph Metzger, Jr., was educated in the public schools of his native section and when not engaged with his books aided his father with the work of the farm. He remained upon the homestead until his marriage in 1904 and rented from his father the property which he now operates. The farm contains one hundred and thirty acres, all good land, and the buildings upon it are substantial and in good repair. Mr. Metzger engages in general farming and conducts a fine dairy, keeping a herd of graded cows for this purpose. He is one of the able and progressive young farmers of this locality and his ability will undoubtedly carry him forward to an important place in agricultural circles.

On November 1, 1904, Mr. Metzger married Miss Elizabeth Cain, who was born in Lowell township, December 15, 1884. She is a daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth (Boyle) Cain, the former born April 6, 1849, and the latter December 2, 1853. The father died February 10, 1908, and the mother on December 2, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Metzger have three children: Gladys, who was born August 11, 1905; Florence, whose birth occurred March 18, 1908; and George, born on the 24th of December, 1909. Mr. Metzger gives his allegiance to the democratic party and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church. His entire life has been spent within the borders of Dodge county and he enjoys the respect and confidence of all with whom business or social relations have brought him into contact.

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#### LOUIS E. SCHULZE.

Louis E. Schulze, who is the owner of an up-to-date café in Beaver Dam, where he is carrying on a successful business, was born in the township of Beaver Dam, Dodge county, Wisconsin, November 19, 1864. His parents were Frederick A. and Augusta (Dornfeld) Schulze, both natives of Germany, who came to Wisconsin in 1843 and settled in Lebanon, Dodge county. They were the parents of nine children: Augusta, the widow of Fred Schwefel; Fred, who died in 1908; Louis E.; Frank, who lives at Dallas, Oregon; Emil, of Beaver Dam; William, of Spokane, Washington; Ernest, of Beaver Dam; Olga, the wife of William S. Yemple, of Milwaukee; and Minnie, who lives in Milwaukee.

Louis E. Schulze was reared at home and educated in the public schools of his native section. He laid aside his books at the age of seventeen and in the following year went westward, locating at Watertown, South Dakota, where he remained eighteen years or until 1900, when he came to Beaver Dam. On May 31, 1902, he bought out the interest of Conrad Daniels in one of the leading cafés in Beaver Dam and assumed its management. The establishment is known as the Schulze-Zink Café, taking its name from Mr. Schulze's partner, Major Philip J. Zink, who is also active and prominent in its management.

On January 25, 1894, Mr. Schulze was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Schultz, a daughter of William and Wilhelmina (Rubin) Schultz, of Horicon,

Dodge county, Wisconsin, in whose family were seven children: Henry, a resident of Waupun, Wisconsin; Herman, of Beaver Dam; Ida M. and Emma, twins, the former of whom is the wife of our subject; Lydia and Edward, also twins, the former of whom is Mrs. Meelke, of Waupun, and the latter a resident of Beaver Dam; and Anna, now Mrs. Grebel, of Trenton. Mr. and Mrs. Schulze are the parents of three children: Lulu, born August 5, 1895; Francis, whose birth occurred February 4, 1900; and one who died in infancy.

In his political convictions Mr. Schulze is a democrat and has held the offices of alderman in Beaver Dam, and county commissioner in Hamlin county, South Dakota.

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#### FREDERICK DEHNE.

One of the earliest settlers in Hustisford township and a man who was for many years active in the milling business is Frederick Dehne, who is living practically retired in Hustisford, giving his attention to the management of a small real-estate business. He is one of the many sturdy, reliable and able men whom Germany has given to the state of Wisconsin and was born near Berlin, April 20, 1846. His parents, John M. and Sophia (Mechelke) Dehne, were natives of the same section, the father born April 8, 1811, and the mother about the same year. John M. Dehne farmed in his native country for some time and after his marriage became overseer of a large property. In 1856 he crossed the Atlantic to America and came immediately to Wisconsin, where he settled one and a half miles east of the village of Hustisford, on a farm. He found here a tract of unbroken land and gave his entire attention to its clearing and development. Gradually he developed a profitable agricultural enterprise. Later he extended his interests to include flour milling, in which he was interested for some time. However, he never gave his personal attention to this work, giving over the operation of his concern to his son, the subject of this review. About 1876 he sold his farm to another son and moved into the village, where he lived retired until his death in 1897. He had survived his wife for ten years. They were the parents of five children: Minnie, the widow of Christ Rohr, residing in Hustisford; August and Louisa, both deceased; Frederick, of this review; and William, who resides in Milwaukee.

In the acquirement of an education Frederick Dehne attended the public schools in Germany and later district school in Hustisford township. He remained upon his father's farm until he was over twenty-one years of age and then became connected with the milling business in Hustisford. He became prominent and successful in this line of work and did not abandon his connection with it until 1902. During this time he erected also a mill at Juneau, which was completed in 1878. Immediately afterward, however, the new roller system came into general use and Mr. Dehne, not caring to install new machinery, sold his mill in Juneau and returned to Hustisford. For some time he sold lumber to the Roul Company of Beaver Dam, hauling it sometimes by team and sometimes shipping it by rail. Afterward, however, he abandoned this line of occupation and gave his entire time to the operation of his flour mill, a sawmill and

a box factory in Hustisford. In 1902 he rented all of his milling property to his two eldest sons and after eight years sold it to them. Since that time he has been living practically retired, although he engages to some extent in the real-estate business.

On the 5th of October, 1872, Mr. Dehne married Miss Minnie Rex, who was born in Hubbard township, April 10, 1856. Her parents, Martin and Sophia (Klemer) Rex, natives of Germany, came to America about the year 1855 and located in Hubbard township, five miles north of Hustisford. Here they bought a farm, upon which they continued to reside until their deaths. The father passed away in 1877 and the mother in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Dehne became the parents of fourteen children: Louisa, the wife of Frank Herman, who is engaged in farming in Idaho; Lydia, who is engaged in the millinery business at West Bend; three who died in infancy; Emil, who was engaged in the electric light business with his brother and passed away in 1911; Oscar, who is operating the electric light plant in Hustisford; Alexander, a carpenter and property owner in Waupun; Linda and Felix, both residing with their father; Frederick F., who will graduate from Marquette College with the class of 1913; Erna, who is employed as a stenographer in West Bend; Ludelle, a teacher in the district schools of this township; and Willard, in the senior class of the high school at Waupun. Mrs. Dehne died November 17, 1911. Mr. Dehne is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Hustisford although he was confirmed in the Lutheran religion. He gives a general allegiance to the democratic party but on all doubtful questions votes according to his personal conviction. He served on the town board for a short time and for many years was a member of the school board. He was also a trustee of the Lutheran church for a number of years. Beyond this he has never held public office, preferring to devote his entire time to his business affairs. In his early years he was an active member of the Temple of Honor but at the present time has no fraternal affiliations. He has lived for fifty-six years in Hustisford township and can remember the time when there were only three or four houses in the town, when there were no streets laid out and when stock ran unmolested through the village. He has seen the section grow and develop along all lines and has been one of the most active factors in the expansion, so that his retirement comes as a well earned reward of useful and worthy work.

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#### THOMAS P. PERKINS.

Among the men who in former years have been closely identified with business and agricultural interests of Hustisford township and with the general enterprises which most vitally effect the advancement of the section is Thomas P. Perkins, now living retired in the village of Hustisford. He was born in the county of Cornwall, England, May 2, 1847, and is a son of John and Jane (Prust) Perkins, both natives of Cornwall, England, the father born February 15, 1815, and the mother in June, 1820. In England the father followed the trade of a maltster and brewer and did work as a blacksmith and wagon-maker besides engaging in general farming. When he came to America in 1864 he settled



immediately in Hustisford, where he bought a blacksmith shop, which he continued to conduct for a number of years. Eventually, however, he turned over the management of the enterprise to his son John and after spending a short time in retirement in the village went with Thomas P. Perkins of this review into Iowa, and remained five years. He died in the town of Hustisford, in November, 1894. His wife had passed away several years previously, her death having occurred in 1883. They were the parents of five children, of whom Thomas P. Perkins is the only one now living.

In the acquirement of an education Mr. Perkins of this review attended public school in England and later an academy in Exeter, Devonshire. When he was seventeen years of age he came with his parents to America and for some time worked as a farm hand in Du Page county, Illinois. After one year, however, he joined his father in Wisconsin and was employed by a farmer in Lebanon township for two years. Later he worked for George Baker in Hustisford township, spending the summers in this way and attending school in the winter. After laying aside his books he went to Milwaukee, where he worked as a collector for a few months, and then returned to Lebanon township, where he farmed for his father-in-law for two summers. In the spring of 1871 he purchased land in Wright county, Iowa, and continued to develop this property for six years, after which he sold it at a profit and returned to Hustisford township. Here he rented a farm from his father-in-law and moved upon it in the spring of 1877. From that time until 1901 he steadily carried forward the work of development and improvement, buying the farm in the meantime and becoming widely recognized as an able and progressive agriculturist. In 1901 he rented out his property and in the same year bought a home in Hustisford, where he has since lived retired. In the following year he sold his farm but is still the owner of extensive tracts of land in various parts of Wisconsin. From 1878 until the time he abandoned active life he was president of the Burr Oak Cheese Factory and took an active part in the development of the enterprise.

On the 20th of April, 1871, Mr. Perkins married Miss Rachael R. Baker, who was born in Cornwall, England, April 8, 1845. She is a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Baker) Baker, both natives of the same section, the father born December 15, 1817, and the mother in 1815. They came to America in 1852 and located first in Canada, whence after one year they went to Chicago and later to Walworth county, Wisconsin. Eventually, however, the father bought a farm in Lebanon township, Dodge county, and continued to operate this until his death, August 18, 1890. They were the parents of five children: Mary, now Mrs. Edington, who resides in Augusta, Eau Claire county, Wisconsin; Ann, the wife of S. R. Jones, of Juneau; Eliza, who became the wife of S. B. Jones, of Hustisford township; Mrs. Perkins; and Thomas W., who is engaged in the liquor business in Hustisford. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins became the parents of seven children: John, who was born June 22, 1872 and died October 8, 1884; Elizabeth J., born May 3, 1873, who became the wife of Gustav Seefeldt, a farmer of this township; Arthur, who was born on the 15th of January, 1878, and died when about fourteen months of age; Thomas Baker, who was born July 8, 1884, and who died in infancy; William H., born June 23, 1891, who resides with his parents; and two, who died in infancy.

The family are devout adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Perkins is serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. He gives his allegiance to the republican party but never allows his personal convictions to be influenced by party standards. In the course of years he has figured prominently in the public life of his district and is at present justice of the peace and notary public. In 1902 he was a candidate for the legislature but his most important public work has been along lines of school expansion. For eighteen years he was treasurer of his school district and during that time did a great deal to improve the quality of instruction given to the children of Hustisford by paying good salaries in order to secure competent teachers. Although Mr. Perkins has given up active work, his interests are still closely identified with the development of the section in which he has lived so many years. In his retirement he can look back on an active life, connected always with lasting, useful and honorable things, and can rest in the consciousness of worthy work well done.

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J. ELLIOT McCCLURE.

J. Elliot McClure is one of the leading figures in banking circles of Beaver Dam and is representative of the most modern, systematic and progressive methods of operation in present-day financial institutions. He is a fine type of efficient, reliable and trustworthy official, having a knowledge of the methods of modern business finance and the ability to make a practical application of it. He has been identified with the First National Bank since its organization in 1881 and has served first as assistant cashier and then as cashier of the institution, retaining his connection through various changes and reorganizations. He was born in Chelsea, Vermont, on June 23, 1854, and is a son of Dr. Joseph F. and Eunice (Denison) McClure, who came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1855, settling in Beaver Dam. Here the father engaged in the general practice of medicine for thirty-seven years, gaining prominence in this field of activity. He died in 1892 in the sixty-eighth year of his age and his wife passed away in the same year. Both are buried in Oakwood cemetery.

J. Elliot McClure is the second in a family of six children. He received his education in the public schools of Beaver Dam where he has lived since he was one year old and completed his studies in Wayland Academy. For one winter he taught district school and followed the same line of occupation in the city schools for one term. He then entered the office of the Beaver Dam Woolen Mills as bookkeeper, holding this position for seven years. His banking career began in 1881, when he became associated with the National Bank of Beaver Dam. In 1884 this institution was reorganized under the name of the First National Bank and for four years Mr. McClure served as assistant cashier. He was later promoted to the position of cashier, which he has now filled for sixteen years, doing able and effective work. In 1904, the institution was again reorganized under the name of the Old National Bank with Mr. McClure in his former position, which he has occupied ever since that time.

In 1878 Mr. McClure was united in marriage to Miss Charra M. Daniels, a

daughter of the late Charles W. Daniels of Beaver Dam. Mrs. McClure was born March 24, 1855, and is the youngest in a family of five children. Mr. and Mrs. McClure have two sons: Joseph C., who is married and living in Omaha, Nebraska, where he holds the position of assistant cashier in the United States National Bank; and Donald E., who is a teller in the Old National Bank of Beaver Dam.

In his political affiliations Mr. McClure is a consistent democrat and takes an active interest in local affairs. He served for six years as a member of the common council and one year as superintendent of schools. He is interested in education and was for four years clerk of the school board. He is a prominent Mason, holding membership in the lodge, chapter, council and commandery and is a charter member of the Royal Arcanum. His wife belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and is well known in social circles of Beaver Dam. She is prominent in the Woman's Club of that city and does active work in various church societies. Mr. McClure is a stockholder in the Masonic Temple Corporation and has an interest in valuable business property in Beaver Dam. He gives most of his attention, however, to the conduct of his duties as cashier of one of the leading banks in the city. He is careful and conservative in financial matters, able, shrewd, and keen, thoroughly honest, reliable and trustworthy, well versed in various departments of modern banking, careful but always progressive—a fine type of a modern banker. In the conduct of the duties of his office he exemplifies to a great extent the value of systematic and honest business principles and has gained prosperity by adhering to them.

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#### EDGAR E. PARKER.

Edgar E. Parker is filling the position of assistant postmaster in Beaver Dam, his native city. He was born August 13, 1862, of the marriage of William L. and Emeline E. (Swift) Parker, both of whom were natives of New York. They removed with their respective families to Ohio and in the latter state were married. In 1845 they came to Dodge county, which was then a frontier district, and William L. Parker purchased eighty acres of government land in Trenton township, becoming a pioneer settler of that district. They lived in true frontier style. Before they could secure a door for their house, which was built of logs, they hung a blanket over the aperture. The furnishings were most primitive but the little cabin sheltered a large family and the years with their changed conditions brought to them a fair measure of success. In the early days of their residence here the Indians were very numerous, for they still used the forests of the vicinity as their hunting grounds. Mr. Parker had to go to Milwaukee for supplies and the trip was a long and arduous one because of the lack of good roads. He was a blacksmith by trade and conducted one of the first shops of Dodge county, but eventually he abandoned his trade and in 1859 removed to Beaver Dam where he opened a livery barn and engaged in buying and selling horses, becoming one of the first horse dealers in this part of the state. As the years passed he came more and more into prominence through his political as well as business activity. In politics he was an earnest democrat and in 1862



and 1863 served as sheriff of Dodge county. He also held a number of city offices, including that of alderman and member of the school board. When Grover Cleveland was elected to the presidency Mr. Parker changed his political views and was afterward a republican. In 1862 he purchased a farm just east of the city and bred registered Merino sheep. For several years he was president of the Wisconsin Wool Growers Association and at all times did what he could to further the interests of the business. His fraternal relations were with the Masonic lodge at Beaver Dam and in early life he was a member of the Methodist church. He died in May, 1887, while his wife, who was a member of the Universalist church, survived him until the 14th of February, 1905. In their family were nine children of whom the first two died in infancy; the third, Addison M., has also passed away. The others are: William E., who is now living retired in Beaver Dam; C. S., who is a farmer of Guthrie Center, Iowa; Mrs. Charles Owen, also living in Guthrie Center, Iowa; Mrs. Thomas Taylor, who died at Jasper, Minnesota; Theodore, who died at the age of nine months; and Edgar E.

The last named is indebted to the public schools of Beaver Dam for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. As a young man he engaged in the lightning rod business and in 1884 he entered the office of *The Citizen*, a newspaper of Beaver Dam, there learning the printer's trade. In that connection he gradually worked his way upward, eventually becoming editor and manager. In February, 1910, he purchased *The Citizen* and in February of the following year began the publication of a daily paper, the only one of the county. His newspaper interests have made him widely known and in all of his journalistic connections he has manifested a spirit of marked progress and enterprise. On the 1st of January, 1909, he was appointed assistant postmaster of Beaver Dam under Mr. Hughes and has since been continuously connected with the postoffice.

On the 3d of November, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Parker and Miss Genevieve McGlashan, of this city, a daughter of R. E. and Emily (Hall) McGlashan. The father came to Dodge county in 1843, being one of the first to venture into this wilderness and plant the seeds of civilization here on hitherto uncultivated soil. The mother was a daughter of M. B. Hall, also one of the pioneer residents of Dodge county and one of the first county superintendents of the poor. Mr. McGlashan was a farmer by occupation and on his arrival in the west secured government land. He then performed the arduous task of converting it into rich fields, but at length his labors were rewarded in abundant crops. He became quite successful as the years passed by and also went steadily to the front in connection with public affairs, filling a number of city offices. Throughout his life he displayed many of the sterling characteristics of his Scotch ancestry. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Parker have been born two children: Harry H., who is now managing editor of *The Citizen*; and Ruth E., who is instructor in domestic science in the Beaver Dam High School. The family are very widely and favorably known in this part of the state and their own home has ever been justly celebrated for its warm-hearted hospitality. Mr. Parker is a member of Dodge County Lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M., and in his political views is a republican. He has served as a member of the council and of the board of supervisors and his position upon any vital question is never an equivocal.

cal one. He stands firmly in support of whatever he believes to be for the best interests of the community and nothing can swerve him from the course which he regards as right and just. In the newspaper field and in politics he has made for himself a creditable name and position, yet there has been nothing spectacular in his career, his course having been marked merely by that persistent energy and developing ability which eventually bring success.

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#### SAMUEL A. HOLDRIDGE.

Samuel A. Holdridge is a well known representative of industrial and commercial activity in Dodge county, being at the head of the S. A. Holdridge & Sons Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, having their factory, however, at Clyman, where they are engaged in the manufacture of chisels of every description. Their business is large and is constantly growing, the excellence of their output insuring a continuance of their patronage.

Mr. Holdridge was born at Clayton, New York, October 2, 1845, a son of Samuel A. and Elizabeth (Sager) Holdridge, both of whom were natives of England. They came to America, however, in early life, settling at Clayton, New York, where the father engaged in the real estate business until his death, which occurred in 1845, three months before the birth of his son Samuel. The mother continued to reside in Clayton for a number of years and then removed to Warren, Pennsylvania.

Samuel A. Holdridge is the youngest of a family of five children. He was largely reared in Wisconsin and attended school in Lodi and also to some extent in Kansas. In early life he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed at Kilbourn, Prairie du Chien and other points in Wisconsin. He also worked for three years in Pennsylvania and for two years in Columbus, Ohio. In 1869 he established a blacksmith shop in Lodi, where he remained until September 25, 1905, when he removed to Watertown but continued there for only a brief period. He next came to Clyman and established his present business, carrying on general blacksmithing and the manufacture of bush chisels. He organized the S. A. Holdridge & Sons Company, which has offices in Milwaukee, while the factory is located at Clyman. They manufacture every kind of chisel for pneumatic hammers, using only the best tool steel on the American market in the manufacture of chisels for stone, granite and marble work. Every tool furnished by the firm is guaranteed to be perfect in temper and mechanical workmanship and without flaws or defects in the steel. In addition to chisels they manufacture more than a dozen kinds of hammers and various other kinds of tools. These are put upon the market under the brand of "H. & H." and the sale is constantly growing, for their output recommends itself to the public by its excellence and durability. Mr. Holdridge is a man of marked business ability and enterprise and whatever success has come to him is the reward of his earnest, persistent efforts.

On the 15th of March, 1870, Mr. Holdridge was united in marriage to Miss Almira Woodley, who was born at Okeo, Wisconsin, August 22, 1852, a daughter of John and Mary S. (Rodgers) Woodley, the former a native of Germany

and the latter of England. The father always followed the occupation of farming, and on coming to Wisconsin in 1844 settled at Okee, where he secured a tract of land and carried on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in March, 1859. His wife survived him for a number of years, passing away in 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Holdridge became the parents of seven children: Harley A., a blacksmith and farmer residing at Firesteel, South Dakota; Clarence A., of Milwaukee, who is a traveling salesman for high speed steel; May, the wife of Robert Wilson, a farmer of Arlington, Wisconsin; Ray S., who resides with his parents; and Maud S., Louise and Claude, all deceased.

There is in the life history of Mr. Holdridge an interesting military chapter, for in September, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company G, Twenty-third Wisconsin Regiment, with which he continued for a year. Mr. Holdridge votes with the republican party and at Lodi served as marshal, while at the present time he is filling the office of justice of the peace at Clyman. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and his life is an honorable, upright one in harmony with his professions. He has ever been industrious, diligent and determined and his life record is another proof of the fact that success and an honorable name may be won simultaneously.

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#### FREDERICK HERMAN VERG.

Frédéric Herman Verg, numbered among the successful and enterprising agriculturists of Clyman township, owns and operates a well improved farm of forty acres and owns fifteen acres of marsh land. His birth occurred in Pommern, Germany, on the 18th of April, 1850, his parents being August and Wilhelmína (Schmidt) Verg, who were likewise natives of that country. The father, a laborer, passed away in Germany. The mother, who emigrated to the United States about 1883, made her home with our subject throughout the remainder of her life, passing away in 1885.

Frederick Herman Verg obtained his education in the schools of his native land and when a young man of twenty-four years became a driver of a post or mail wagon, being thus employed for about seven years. In 1882, having determined to try his fortune in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and came direct to Watertown, Dodge county, Wisconsin. Here he worked in a brickyard during one summer and subsequently spent fifteen or sixteen years in the railroad shops. Turning his attention to general agricultural pursuits, he rented a farm of forty acres in Clyman township and in 1910 purchased the property, which has since remained in his possession. He has improved the place until it is a modern and model farm and in its operation he has won a gratifying measure of prosperity, annually gathering good crops. He also owns fifteen acres of marsh land.

On the 12th of October, 1873, Mr. Verg was united in marriage to Miss Carolina Reeck, who was born in the province of Pommern, Germany, on the 16th of March, 1849, her parents being Gottlieb and Christina (Kraft) Reeck, also natives of that province. They spent their entire lives in the fatherland. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Verg have been born nine children, as follows: Emil, de

ceased; August, an agriculturist residing at Split Rock, Wisconsin; Bertha, who is the wife of Charles Bischoff, a farmer of Clyman township; John, who follows farming near Watertown; Herman and Otto, both of whom are laborers and reside in Watertown; Frank and Hattie, who are still at home; and Edwin, who has passed away.

Mr. Verg gives his political allegiance to the democracy but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Emanuel Lutheran church at Watertown. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has gained a place among the substantial and esteemed citizens of his community.

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#### ALBERT CLOUGH.

There was no more highly respected and deservedly successful man in Beaver Dam than Albert Clough, who died at his home, No. 312 East Maple avenue, June 4, 1912. He had been a resident of this section since his childhood and for almost forty years was recognized as an able, enterprising and progressive agriculturist, who by hard work and well directed labor had highly developed his farm, and whose upright and straightforward character had gained him many friends. The last twenty years of his life were spent in Beaver Dam, where he engaged in various business enterprises and where his death brought to a close a useful career. He was born in Canaan, Vermont, November 24, 1840, a son of Obadiah and Dorothy (Morrison) Clough, natives of that state. They came to Wisconsin at an early date and settled in Rolling Prairie, where they lived during the remainder of their lives. Both are buried in Highland cemetery.

Albert Clough was the third in a family of eleven children and was but a child when he came to Wisconsin. He was educated in the district schools of Dodge county and remained upon his father's farm until he was twenty-six years of age. At that time he purchased a tract of land in Burnett township and after cultivating it for a number of years bought eighteen acres on Rolling Prairie, upon which he resided until the spring of 1892, when he sold the farm and came to Beaver Dam. He sold his land in Burnett township in the spring of the following year and definitely abandoned agricultural pursuits. For some time after locating in this city he dealt in sand, getting his supply from Burnett township. In 1895, however, his health failed and he lived in retirement until his death, which occurred on June 4, 1912, when he was seventy-two years of age. He was buried in Oakwood cemetery.

On the 8th of September, 1866, Mr. Clough was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Stoddard, who was born August 16, 1847, in Prairie du Sac, a daughter of Asa and Philenda (Frizzle) Stoddard, natives of New Hampshire, who came west and settled in Prairie du Sac at an early date. Mr. and Mrs. Clough adopted a son, Walter. He married Miss Dora Gilmore and resides with his wife and son in Milledgeville, Illinois.



Mr. Clough gave his allegiance to the republican party. He was a devout Methodist and an attendant of the First Methodist church of Beaver Dam and was a member and trustee of the church board. His wife is still an active supporter of this religion and is a member of the Ladies Aid and Foreign Missionary Societies. Mr. Clough was actively interested in the growth and development of Beaver Dam, in an industrial and social way, and did his utmost to promote its progress. His success is evidenced by the importance of the place which he attained among his fellow citizens and the genuine and widespread regret which attended his death.

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### JOHN JOSEPH SCHUMACHER.

John Joseph Schumacher has been engaged in the shoemaking business in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, since 1885 and during the time has met with well deserved success, which is the natural result of his industry and ability. He is in all essential respects a self-made man and to a great degree responsible for his present prosperity. He started in the enterprise which he now conducts with a capital of thirty-five cents in money and twenty dollars worth of leather, but with an efficient equipment in the knowledge of his trade and in the qualities of perseverance and industry. He was born on December 29, 1862, in Juneau, Wisconsin, and is a son of Peter and Margaret (Oakum) Schumacher. His father came to Wisconsin and settled in Fond du Lac in 1851 and was one of the first men to engage in the occupation of shoemaking in that city. He opened a small shop and built up a flourishing trade by hard work and continuous labor. He moved to Juneau in 1856 and followed his chosen occupation in that city until he went to Fox Lake in 1864 where he continued shoemaking until his death. He was one of the well known and prosperous citizens of this city and one of its prosperous tradesmen. He was consistently democratic in his political affiliations and was a loyal supporter of General Bragg. He gave his allegiance to the Roman Catholic church. Peter Schumacher was twice married. His first wife was Miss Margaret Oakum and to this union were born nine children: Liza; Nick; John, of this review; Belle; Mary; Eva; Agnes; Margaret; and John P. Peter Schumacher's second union was with Miss Annie Golling, by whom he had three children, Mary, George and Henry.

John Schumacher was reared at home and educated until his twelfth year in the public schools of Fox Lake. He learned the shoemaking trade from his father and the equipment which he received was thorough and efficient. He followed this line of occupation at home until he was twenty-one years of age, gaining a practical working knowledge of its details and building up an extensive patronage. He later removed to Beaver Dam and then to Minneapolis and other places, subsequently, however, definitely taking up his residence in Beaver Dam and in 1885 started in the shoemaking business independently. His venture was begun upon a very small scale. His capital consisted of twenty dollars worth of leather, a few tools and thirty-five cents in money. He had, however, a fund of ambition and determination combined with an efficient knowledge of the details of his trade and upon this foundation he built his

prosperity. He abandoned his independent business eventually to become connected with the concern known as Wilk Brothers after which he spent a short time in the clothing business. He later formed a partnership and was successful in the conduct of an enterprise operating under the name of Rice & Schumacher, which he subsequently sold in order to start in the shoe business on Spring street, Beaver Dam, where he is now conducting an extensive and rapidly growing enterprise. His success is based on the solid foundation of thorough efficiency and practical knowledge. He learned the details of his trade in his early boyhood and became conversant with its intricacies by personal experience. He is now regarded as one of the leading shoemakers in Beaver Dam where his business qualifications and honorable standing are well known.

Mr. Schumacher has been twice married. His first union was with Miss Eudora Clark, a daughter of John C. and Ida (Stephenson) Clark. She was one of four children born to her parents, the others being Minnie, Alice, and Frank. To this union were born four children: Earl, a well known violinist in Beaver Dam, where he has gained a remarkable musical reputation at eighteen years of age; Margaret, a student in the high school at Beaver Dam; Evelyn, who is pursuing her studies in the public schools; and Gladys, who is deceased. Mr. Schumacher's second wife was in her maidenhood Miss Emma Steltzer. She was one of five children, the others being: John, William, Robert, and Lena. To this union was born one child, Virginia B., now living in Beaver Dam.

In his political affiliations Mr. Schumacher is a staunch republican and has been loyal in his allegiance to the principles of this party for twenty years. He is serving at the present time as school commissioner and is doing efficient and practical work. Fraternally he is identified as past grand with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is affiliated with the Beavers. He is secretary in the Equitable Fraternal Union and was formerly secretary of the Modern Woodmen of America, also holding membership in the Royal Neighbors. In 1896 he belonged to the Wisconsin National Guard but has since resigned from his regiment.

Mr. Schumacher is one of the leading men in his line of occupation in Beaver Dam and though his life has been quiet and his career unassuming he has attained success in a degree which illustrates the power of detail and industry in the search for prosperity.

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#### ALBERT AUGUST JECHÉ.

Seventy-nine acres of well improved land located near Juneau in Dodge county, entitle Albert August Jeché to be ranked among the enterprising and representative citizens of his section. He was born in Hustisford township, June 12, 1872, a son of William and Louisa (Wegener) Jeché, natives of Germany, the father being born June 22, 1834, and the mother, August 14, 1842. William Jeché crossed the Atlantic when he was a young man and located first in Lebanon township, Dodge county, where he resided with his parents upon a farm. He later became the proprietor of a tract of land in Hustisford township and he resided thereon until his death, which occurred September 6, 1904. His

wife died at Richwood two years later. The father of our subject was well known in local politics and served in various official capacities. He was chairman of his township for twenty-five years and served for two terms in the state legislature. For several years he was collector for the Oshkosh Insane Asylum, located in Hustisford township, and was also a member of the local school board.

Albert A. Jeche received his education in the public and German schools of Hubbard township and remained at home until he married. Afterward he rented land in Hustisford township and after four years purchased the property upon which he resides. In all business and agricultural affairs he is alert and enterprising and has met with the measure of success which rewards earnest, persistent and well directed labor.

On November 14, 1901, Mr. Jeche was united in marriage to Miss Anna Henkel, who was born in Hustisford township, July 21, 1881, a daughter of William and Louisa (Zuhner) Henkel, natives of Germany, who were among the very early settlers in that section. They are living retired in the village of Hustisford. Mr. and Mrs. Jeche have two children: Raymond, who was born December 3, 1902; and Willard, whose birth occurred April 18, 1904. The family belong to the Lutheran church.

Mr. Jeche is independent in his political views and never seeks public office, preferring to give his entire attention to the management of his farm. His influence is important in the agricultural community in which he lives, for his methods have always been progressive and systematic, and his standards high.

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#### FRANCIS J. METZGER, D. D. S.

Dr. Francis J. Metzger, well known in the dental profession of Beaver Dam, was born in Lowell township, Wisconsin, September 20, 1878. His paternal grandfather founded the family in America, coming to Wisconsin in early pioneer times. He was a successful agriculturist. In politics he was identified with the democratic party and was a member of the Catholic church. Dr. Metzger is a son of John and Anna (Meyers) Metzger. His father was a farmer and was prosperous and successful in this line of activity. He and his wife were the parents of six children: Francis J., the subject of this sketch; Raymond F., who is farming near Lowell, Wisconsin; Marcellus E., who maintains his residence in Seattle, Washington; Agnes M., who resides in Clyman, Wisconsin, with her mother; John, who lives in Milwaukee; and Gilbert, a resident of Lowell.

Dr. Metzger received his education in the public schools of Wisconsin, attending district school No. 7, in Lowell township. He later took a course in Sacred Heart College of Watertown, Wisconsin, and was graduated from the dental department of Marquette University, Milwaukee, in 1902. In April, 1907, he located in Beaver Dam for practice and from the very beginning his success has been gratifying. His skill is widely recognized and he commands the respect and esteem of his patients, fellow citizens and members of the dental fraternity. He is an expert in oral surgery, having taken special courses in this branch of medicine while pursuing his studies in the Marquette University.

On October 7, 1903, Dr. Metzger was united in marriage to Miss Viola I. Casey, a daughter of James D. Casey of Watertown, Wisconsin. Mrs. Metzger is one of nine children, the others being: Irvin T., who lives in Missoula, Montana; Loretta M., the wife of Dr. G. I. Wenker, of Milwaukee; Oliver J., of Watertown; Euphemia, deceased; Eveline; Estelle; Simon; and Cyrus.

Dr. Metzger is not affiliated with any of the political parties and follows the dictates of his conscience and judgment in supporting measures and candidates he considers worthy of success. He belongs to the Wisconsin State Dental Society and is also a member of the alumni of Marquette University. He affiliates with the Roman Catholic church and is connected with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin. He has gained success and prosperity in his chosen career. He is efficient, progressive and of liberal mind, which are the qualities upon which rests his success.

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#### PETER PFEFFER.

Peter Pfeffer is a leading figure in the clothing business of Beaver Dam where he owns and operates a large store, meeting with gratifying success because of his honorable business methods, his earnest desire to please his patrons and his close application to business. He was born on June 19, 1864, in the Rhine Province, Germany, and is a son of Conrad Pfeffer. His father served in the German army during the war of the revolution and served his term with great distinction. Peter Pfeffer was one of six children, the others being Adam, Carl, Elizabeth, Minna and Anna, all of whom are residing in Germany.

Peter Pfeffer was educated in his native country and remained there until he was eighteen years of age. Upon reaching America he located immediately in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. He worked upon a farm belonging to John Rose for a short time before he entered the employ of A. P. Lawrence. He remained in this position until the owner of the business disposed of his holdings and then Mr. Pfeffer accepted a position under his successor. He remained with the firm of Shepherd & Brown until the summer of 1886, when he removed to Chicago to become identified with the dry-goods business with the firm of Storm & Hill. The partners sold out in 1891 and Mr. Pfeffer changed his position, accepting employment with the J. V. Farwell Company. He continued in this position until December 1, 1895, and his duties gave him a practical and detailed knowledge of the methods of commercial enterprise on a large scale which today is a valuable asset to him in the conduct of his own flourishing establishment. He came to Beaver Dam on the 1st of December, 1895, and entered into partnership with Mr. Zander in the operation of a general merchandise store under the firm name of Zander & Pfeffer. This association continued until January 1, 1911, when Peter Pfeffer withdrew from the firm and started in business independently. He opened his present establishment on March 18, 1911, in the Masonic Temple. He carries the most complete and up-to-date line of clothing in the city and in its operation and general business methods compares favorably with establishments of the same kind in cities the size of Chicago. His stock is kept constantly up-to-date and complete. The equipment of the build-

ing is modern in every detail and the store itself is furnished along artistic lines. Much of this success is due to the alert and enterprising methods which have distinguished Mr. Pfeffer's business policies, and his gratifying patronage which has been built up by industry and activity is increasing discernibly. Mr. Pfeffer gives almost his entire time and attention to the various details connected with his clothing store and does not take a very active part in other commercial affairs. He is however, a director in the Woolen Manufacturing Company and has been an influential factor in the growth of that concern. On October 24, 1895, Mr. Pfeffer was united in marriage to Miss Olga Zander, and they are the parents of two children: J. Eugene, born August 30, 1896, who is attending Beaver Dam high school; and Agnes, born on the 30th of August, 1897, who is also pursuing her studies in that same institution.

In his political views Mr. Pfeffer keeps himself independent of party lines. He is an active factor in local affairs and served one term as a member of the city council. He is a blue lodge Mason and also belongs to the chapter. He is a member of Beaver Dam Commandery No. 37, Knights Templar. He is also prominent in the Wisconsin consistory and is a member of Tripoli Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a man of undoubted probity of character and this qualification has influenced and increased the volume of his business, his establishment having the aspect of a modern metropolitan enterprise and being one of the features in the growth of Beaver Dam.

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#### ELGIN T. COCHRANE.

Elgin T. Cochrane was born in Marquette county, Wisconsin, July 25, 1857. His parents were H. B. and Mary E. (Boothe) Cochrane who came to this state at an early date. The grandfather of our subject, Robert Cochrane, lived in Westfield, New York, and made his home in that city during his life. H. B. Cochrane located in Wisconsin in 1844 and farmed near Waupun until 1850. In that year he removed to Westfield, where he engaged in the milling, fanning and sawmill business until 1866. He then moved upon a farm located between Beaver Dam and Waupun and was successfully engaged in agriculture until his death in 1893. He and his wife were the parents of seven children: Leslie B., who died in infancy; Emerson, who also passed away at an early age; Leslie E., who lives on Deer Lake, South Dakota; Elgin T., the subject of this review; Merle R.; Jessie M., who resides in Beaver Dam; and Ella D., who passed away when she was twenty years of age.

Elgin T. Cochrane received his early education in the public schools of Beaver Dam and later attended Wayland Academy. He laid aside his books at the age of nineteen years and taught a district school for two terms. He later engaged in the jewelry business in Waupun. He eventually removed to Jackson, Minnesota, where he established himself in business, coming two years later to Fox Lake, Wisconsin. He conducted a jewelry store there for three years and later removed to Manning, Iowa, and thence to Sheldon, that state. He abandoned this line of business after a time, in order to devote himself to agriculture and was successful and prosperous in this line of work. Upon his

father's death he came to Beaver Dam, in 1894, and has since made his home in this city. During the period of his residence here he has gained a reputation for public-spirited interest in all movements looking toward municipal progress and advancement and is favorably known as a man who unites in his character business principles of a high order with rare qualities of citizenship. In politics he is progressive but is not affiliated with any political organization.

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#### HENRY FREBER.

Among those who have passed away and who in life enjoyed the full respect and good-will of those who knew them was Henry Freber, long identified with farming interests in this county. He was born in Massachusetts, December 20, 1839, a son of Charles and Margaret (Frank) Freber, who were natives of Germany but in early life came to the United States, settling in Massachusetts, where they remained until after the birth of their son Henry. About 1848 they came west to Dodge county, taking up their abode in Clyman township at a period when there were no railroads in this district and when all produce was marketed in Milwaukee, where supplies were purchased. Charles Freber secured a tract of uncultivated land, and with characteristic energy began its development and converted it into a valuable farm. He and his wife continued to reside throughout the remaining days on the old homestead, which adjoins the farm now occupied by Mrs. Henry Freber. The father never cared for public office but devoted his entire time and attention to his farming pursuits until his death in 1873. His wife survived him for more than two decades, passing away in 1894. They were the parents of six children: Henry, Elizabeth and Mary, all of whom are deceased; Katharine, the wife of Edward Webber, a farmer residing in the village of Clyman; William, a retired farmer living in Watertown, Wisconsin; and Christina, deceased.

Henry Freber was a young lad at the time the family removed to Wisconsin and in pursuance of an education attended the district schools of Clyman township. He remained upon the home farm with the exception of a short time which he spent in Nebraska. In 1861 he married and during the war times he removed to that state but shortly thereafter his wife died there and he returned to Wisconsin, making his home again with his father. Two children were born by the first marriage: Lenora, whose birth occurred February 22, 1862, and who is the wife of John Fahl, a farmer residing in Canada; and Louisa, born November 24, 1863, who is the wife of Paul Sommerfeld, a farmer and lumber dealer of Saskatoon, Canada. Following the death of his first wife Mr. Freber married Miss Minnie Young and following this event lived with his parents for about five years. At the end of that period his father gave him the farm upon which the widow of our subject now resides. He erected substantial buildings here, improved the place in many ways and continued the cultivation of his fields to the time of his death. He practically spent his entire life since his early boyhood in this section with the exception of the short period he spent in Nebraska during the Civil war.

The marriage of Henry Freber to Miss Minnie Young, his second wife, took

place in December, 1866. She was born in Nassau, Germany, February 19, 1846, and is a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Meyer) Young, also natives of the fatherland. They came to the United States in 1855, settling on a farm south of Reeseville, this county, where the remainder of their days were passed, the father's death occurring in 1878, while the mother died in 1894. They were the parents of five children: Mrs. Freber; Lewis, who resides on the old homestead; Katharine, the wife of John Goebel, a farmer living near Reeseville; Mary, the wife of Michael Benninger, living on a farm near Reeseville; and Margaret, the wife of Michael Kohn, also a farmer near Reeseville. To the second marriage of Mr. Freber were born eleven children. Ella, whose birth occurred September 18, 1868, is the wife of Hans Nelson, a retired farmer living at Windom, Minnesota. Albert, born March 19, 1870, follows farming in Canada. Katharine, born October 22, 1871, is the wife of Emil Kressine, who is living retired in Clyman. Frederick, born February 16, 1873, is a farmer residing near Lowell. Mary, born January 2, 1875, is the wife of Otto Winkelman, living retired at Watertown. Rosetta, born July 14, 1876, died December 20, 1881. Henry, born January 8, 1879, is a machinist living in Beaver Dam. Minnie, a twin sister of Henry, is engaged in teaching in Gettysburg, South Dakota. Dora, born January 10, 1882, is the wife of Otto Zimmermann, a farmer of Canada. Roy, born August 20, 1884, is looking after his mother's landed interests in Canada. George, born August 22, 1886, is yet at home. All of the children were born in Clyman township, where Mrs. Freber expects to spend the balance of her life. Here she owns and occupies a farm of one hundred and thirty acres of fine land which returns to her a gratifying income. Mr. Freber passed away August 13, 1905, and left behind him many friends, who esteemed him highly for his sterling worth. He voted with the democratic party and served as town treasurer and supervisor. His life was in some respects quiet and uneventful but it is such worthy and faithful citizens who constitute the real stability of any community. He was industrious and energetic, devoted to his family and faithful to his friends.

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#### JOHN ANDREW WELSCH.

John Andrew Welsch, who is conducting a saloon at No. 401 South Spring street, Beaver Dam, was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on July 7, 1859, and is a son of John and Kathrine (Drummer) Welsch, natives of Bavaria, Germany. They came to America in 1847, landing in Pennsylvania, where they remained until 1860, in which year they came to Dodge county where the father died in April, 1884. He is buried in Leroy. His wife survives him and makes her home in that city. John Welsch is the third in the family of five children. He was only one year old when he came to Wisconsin and has spent his entire life since that time in this state. He was educated in the public schools of Leroy and remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age. He then purchased one hundred acres of land in Leroy township and upon this farm he resided until 1894, coming in that year to Beaver Dam. Here he established himself in the saloon business at No. 401 South Spring street and has been successful and prosperous along this line.

On November 17, 1886, Mr. Welsch was united in marriage to Miss Anna Weix, a daughter of Lawrence and Barbara (Bachuber) Weix, residents of Leroy. Mrs. Welsch is the seventh in a family of thirteen children and was born in 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Welsch are the parents of eight children: Timothy J., who is private secretary for Congressman M. E. Burke; Hilda, who resides at home and is employed as a clerk in a confectionery store; Hedwig, who is engaged in the dressmaking business; Helen, who is employed as a bookkeeper in a telephone company; and Katherine, Alphonse, Anna, and John, all of whom reside at home. All of the children were educated in St. Mary's parochial school and in the Beaver Dam high school. Timothy is a graduate of Wayland Academy. The family belong to the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Welsch is prominent in many societies affiliated with the church. He is a member of Beaver Dam Lodge, No. 48, Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, and was trustee of that organization for three years. He held the same position for six years in St. Peter's Society and is now active in the affairs of that body. He also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His business success and his energy and enterprise have made him well known in Beaver Dam. He is interested in the future of the city and anxious to do his part in promoting its development. He is a stockholder in the German National Bank and owns property at No. 130 East Mills street, in addition to his business and residence property. He is well known in local democratic politics and served as clerk in school district No. 8, LeRoy township, for six years. For two years he was supervisor of Leroy and is now holding the same position in the Second ward of Beaver Dam in the eleventh year of his service. He never seeks to evade the obligations of his citizenship and is interested in the growth and prosperity of his section. His standards are modern and progressive and his energies, well applied and directed, have brought his gratifying success.

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#### ARTHUR B. CHANDLER.

Arthur B. Chandler, who is the assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Beaver Dam, to which position he was called in 1891, and also one of the directors of the bank, was born in this city, November 27, 1870, his parents being George W. and Marie (Hambright) Chandler. The father was a native of New York and the mother of Niles, Michigan, whence she came with her parents to Dodge county. George W. Chandler arrived in Beaver Dam at an early day and although he had engaged in the woolen manufacturing business in the east he afterward turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in the west. He died April 6, 1894, and his widow now resides in Beaver Dam. By his first marriage the father had two children, both of whom are now deceased. Of his marriage to Marie Hambright there were born four sons and a daughter, all of whom survive.

Arthur B. Chandler, the fourth in order of birth, acquired a public school education, supplemented by a course of study in the Milwaukee Business College. He was afterward with the Wadhams Oil Company of Milwaukee, and on the 1st of July, 1891, came to Beaver Dam, where he entered the First Na-



tional Bank as bookkeeper. He has since been connected with this institution and almost immediately was made assistant cashier, in which capacity he has since served, proving a capable and popular official who has made many friends among the patrons of the bank of which he is also a director. For the past six months he has been acting cashier of the bank and his labors have made him widely known in financial circles in Dodge county.

Mr. Chandler is also postmaster of Beaver Dam, having been called to the office on the 1st of April, 1911, following his appointment on the 17th of February of the same year. He was city treasurer in 1897 and in both offices has been loyal to the trust reposed in him, discharging his duties with marked promptness and fidelity. The present postoffice building has been erected since he was appointed postmaster. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and is now a member of Beaver Dam Commandery, K. T. The craft finds in him a worthy representative, always true to its teachings, and his trustworthiness in every relation of life places him in a conspicuous and enviable position.

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#### ABEL PARK LAWRENCE.

Abel Park Lawrence is one of the pioneer business men in Beaver Dam and since 1854 has been connected with various commercial enterprises in this city. He established one of the first grocery stores and has been successful as a general merchant, giving his attention at the present time to fire insurance and gardening. He is well and favorably known in the city in which he has resided since he was twenty-two years of age and is recognized as a man of honorable and straightforward standards, uniform courtesy and unusual business intelligence. He was born in Pepperell, Massachusetts, May 1, 1832, and is a son of Abel and Nancy (Jewett) Lawrence, natives of that section. His father died in the state in which he was born and the mother passed away in Beaver Dam.

Abel Lawrence was the younger in a family of two children. He was educated in the district schools of New England and attended an academy in Massachusetts for four terms. His father died when our subject was only ten years of age, and he remained with his mother until he was twenty-two years of age, coming to Wisconsin in 1854 and settling in Beaver Dam, where he worked as a clerk for Hoyt & Smith, general merchants of that city. He was engaged in this capacity for only a short time, resigning his position in order to teach school. After being engaged for four months in this occupation he returned to his former position and clerked until he returned to Massachusetts, where he remained until April, of the following year. He then came back to Beaver Dam and in 1856 established a grocery store. He carried a full line of staple and fancy goods and did not sell intoxicating liquors. He was successful and his business increased yearly until 1863, when his building was destroyed by fire. He then erected a brick building, adding a general merchandise department to his enterprise, which he conducted along modern and progressive lines until 1884. In that year he disposed of his interests to Shepard & McFadden and went to South Dakota, where he took up one hundred and

sixty acres of government land with the intention of following farming. In October of the same year, however, he was accidentally wounded by bird shot and was disabled for three years. In the meantime he had returned to Beaver Dam and established himself in the insurance business, in which line he was active and successful for two years. In 1893 he opened another grocery store upon Spring street and this enterprise he conducted until 1909, when he sold out and engaged in his present line of occupation, writing fire insurance. He also does gardening on a small scale. He is one of the well known and popular residents of Beaver Dam and is living in a house at No. 125 North Third street, which he erected in 1858. He is practically retired and is giving his time to the management of his business interests.

On December 28, 1857, Mr. Lawrence was united in marriage to Miss Rachel R. Smith, a daughter of Edward and Anna (Schrigger) Smith, natives of Derbyshire, England. They came to America in 1851 and settled in Juneau, Wisconsin, moving later to Waushara county, where they died. Mrs. Lawrence is the fourth in a family of twelve children and was born on the 29th of March, 1839. She and her husband became the parents of five children: Frank E., who is married and has one daughter, who is residing in South Dakota; Mary E., who married Bayard T. Boylan, of South Dakota, by whom she has three children; Lucy M., who became the wife of James Wilson, a native of Florida, residing in Denver, by whom she has five children; Carrie J., who married Arthur Wilson, by whom she has one son; and Rachel, who died in infancy. Mr. Lawrence has given all of his children an excellent education. His three daughters are graduates of the Beaver Dam high school and Ella has taken a special course in painting, for which she has a decided talent. Our subject and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on December 28, 1907, but unfortunately only two of the children were able to be present. He is one of the early settlers in Beaver Dam and his friends are numbered among the representative and highly esteemed citizens of that city.

Mr. Lawrence has always been a republican and has voted that ticket in presidential elections since the time when Fremont was a candidate. He served for three years on the board of aldermen in Beaver Dam and did excellent and able work. He and his family are devout adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Lawrence is a member of the board of trustees. He takes an active interest in religious affairs and for twenty-one years was superintendent of the Sunday school. His wife belongs to the Ladies Aid Society and held the office of president in that organization for several years. She also belongs to the Eastern Star and to the Rebekahs and was for some time treasurer of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars. Mr. Lawrence is prominent in fraternal circles of the city, holding membership in the Masonic order and in the Odd Fellows. He is now practically retired from active life and is giving his attention to the supervision of his town property and his eighty acres of farm land outside of the city. Upon this he raises fruits and vegetables and is unusually successful as an amateur gardener. For well over half a century Mr. Lawrence has been identified with the commercial, political and social upbuilding of the city of which he is an honored resident. He is a true type of the modern business man, shrewd and keen, and with a discriminating knowledge of values and an appreciation of changing conditions.

He is a liberal man, desirous of obtaining his own rights and mindful of those of others, unquestioned in his integrity and honorable in his business and personal life. Upon these qualities he has built up a substantial prosperity and has gained the respect and esteem of his many friends.

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RUDOLPH F. MENGEL.

In the death of Rudolph F. Mengel Dodge county lost a citizen of sterling worth. He had many excellent traits of character which endeared him to his fellow townsmen, winning for him their confidence and high regard. He made farming his life work and was born November 17, 1849, upon the farm which is now owned by his widow and upon which he lived until his death, July 3, 1910. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Franck) Mengel, both of whom were born in the Rhine Province, Germany. At nineteen years of age the father came to the United States and during pioneer days in Dodge county he and his wife took up their abode on government land here. The latter died when her son Rudolph was only about fifteen months old. The parents had resided in Massachusetts for a number of years and were married in that state but in 1843 came to Wisconsin, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers who were reclaiming this region for the purposes of civilization. John Mengel secured a tract of wild land which he cleared and developed and upon which he resided until his death, which occurred about 1870. For his second wife he chose Margaret Shaller, who survived him for ten years. The mother of Rudolph Mengel passed away in 1850, leaving two children, the elder being Elizabeth, the wife of Gustavus Flohr, a farmer residing in Emmet township. By the second marriage were born two daughters; Paulina, the wife of J. Leiske, a farmer living at Franklin, Minnesota; and Katie L., the wife of Frank Amtsbauer, also following farming near Franklin.

Although Rudolph Mengel lost his mother when less than two years of age, his father's second wife proved indeed a kind and faithful mother to him. In his youthful days he was sent to the district schools and habits of industry and energy were developed through his work upon the home farm. He remained thereon throughout his entire life and when twenty-six years of age, on the 20th of April, 1875, he married Miss Julia Creydt, who was born in Lebanon township, Dodge county, December 24, 1852, a daughter of Adolph and Amelia (Flohr) Creydt, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany, the latter born August 24, 1832, and the former January 14, 1819. When fourteen years of age, the father was apprenticed to a prominent merchant of the old country, with whom he continued until twenty-nine years of age, when he came to the new world, making his way direct to Lebanon, Wisconsin, where his brother was then living. He at once began farming, purchasing a tract of land in partnership with his brother. The business relation between them existed until the death of Adolph Creydt in 1879. His wife survived him for a long period, passing away May 25, 1903. Mrs. Mengel is the eldest of their nine children and by her marriage she became the mother of one daughter, Clara E., who was born April 17, 1877, and died May 13, 1911, of pneumonia, following measles.

She had begun a course in nursing and was for a year and a half in the hospital at Beloit. She was ill only ten days and her death was a great blow to her mother and many friends. She held a high place in the esteem of her associates, loved the work and entered upon its duties enthusiastically. Her noble character and cheerful disposition won her many friends who sincerely mourned her demise.

Following his marriage Rudolph Mengel took his bride to the old homestead farm, whereon he resided continuously until his death. He was the owner of one hundred and fifty-four acres in that tract of land. He carefully and systematically tilled his fields, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He made his home upon that farm for sixty-one years, seven months and six days, or through the entire period of his span of life. He was highly regarded by his fellow townsmen, who frequently gave indication of their confidence in him by entrusting him with public offices. He was a man of sterling character, upright in all of his dealings, hating shams and avoiding any show of hypocrisy. Charitable and religious causes found in him a friend and his support was ever given to worthy public measures which had for their object the welfare and upbuilding of the county. His life was indeed honorable and upright and the deepest regret was felt at his passing because he had greatly endeared himself to all with whom he was associated.

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#### REV. DANIEL WOODWARD.

The Rev. Daniel Woodward after giving eighteen years of his life to the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal church was by virtue of his fitness for the position appointed by Governor McGovern, on November 7, 1911, warden of the State Penitentiary at Waupun, where he now is engaged in the discharge of his official duties. He was born in Waushara county, Wisconsin; September 25, 1864, and is a son of John B. and Sarah E. (Moore) Woodward. The parents were of Scotch descent and natives of Massachusetts. The father with his family removed to Wisconsin in the early '50s and settled on an unimproved farm located near Wild Rose, Wisconsin, where he continued to live for fifty years, during which time he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Before coming to Wisconsin he was employed in one of the woolen mills at Lowell, Massachusetts. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1863 in Company K, Thirty-seventh Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and continued with his command until peace was established, when he was mustered out in May, 1865. He was an active and loyal republican and was chairman of his township for twenty-five years, during which time he also held several other township offices. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church. In their family were seven sons: J. M., who is a retired minister and resides at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin; H. L. and I. N., both of Wild Rose; Daniel, of this review; W. W., who is a minister of the Baptist church and resides at Wild Rose; T. J., also residing at Wild Rose; and Orville, who died at the age of four years.

Daniel Woodward was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Wild Rose. On entering the ministry of the Methodist



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Episcopal church he pursued the required four years' course of conference studies, after which he was admitted to full membership in the Wisconsin conference and for eighteen years he gave his undivided time and attention to the work of the ministry and in that calling he was known throughout the territory governed by the Wisconsin conference as one of the loyal and efficient preachers and pastors of that ministerial body. During his time of service as a member of the conference he served in the appointments of Spring Lake, Stockbridge, Waupun, Randolph, Merrill and Sturgeon Bay. While in the ministry he took the position that local option was preferable to county option and for his convictions in that particular he was criticised by the Methodist membership and suspended from pulpit service by the presiding elder of the district in which he served. Rev. Woodward at the ensuing annual conference carried his case before the members of that body and was reinstated. He then tendered his resignation as a member of that body, which was accepted. Three weeks later he organized the Congregational church at Omro, Wisconsin, and by the articles of incorporation became its pastor. In June, 1912, he was recognized by the Winnebago association of the regular Congregational church of Wisconsin, and received into full fellowship as a Congregational clergyman.

During the campaign and preceding the election of Governor McGovern, Rev. Woodward devoted much of his time and attention to campaign work and as a clear thinker and effective speaker he was one of the influential public men of his state and rendered material assistance to the success of the republican party in this state at that election. Shortly after the election of Governor McGovern Rev. Woodward received the appointment as a member of the board of control and later as warden of the State Penitentiary. He has the distinction of being the only ex-minister in the United States as warden in charge of a state penal institution. He is proving the wisdom of Governor McGovern's appointment to that office by the gratifying success which has attended his administration of the prison affairs. Since he assumed incumbency of the office Rev. Woodward has abolished the ancient and barbarous custom of hair clipping, has supplied the prisoners with better and more abundant food and has established a well directed correspondence course of study for the convicts. He has also put in a new library which cost five hundred dollars and has increased the school year to eight months for each convict pupil, and also increased the hours of study from one to one and one-half per day, and has also arranged to take prisoners out for exercise and recreation on Sunday afternoons. He also receives all prisoners personally when they come and personally dismisses them when their time expires, advising and assisting them to a higher ideal of life in every possible way. He has established a rule by which every prisoner is entitled to a private interview with the warden at any time they may desire. These reformatory measures have had their effect for good upon the prisoners and Mr. Woodward has been highly complimented for his vigorous and humane administration of the responsible office in which he is now serving the best interests of the state.

Reverend Woodward has his fraternal relations with the Masonic order and belongs to both the lodge and chapter. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows lodge. As a campaign speaker he first entered public political work during the first campaign of President McKinley, since which time he has continued to

take a vital and interested part in the political movements of his state and country. He is "to the manner born," as his father has long been known as one of the solid, patriotic citizens of Waushara county, in which he has lived for more than fifty years. Rev. Woodward is an intelligent and effective platform speaker and a man who is known to fearlessly declare his convictions at all times without regard to personal interest or public approval. For him to believe a thing to be right is sufficient reason to announce the fact and he has often been misunderstood and suffered by the bold and fearless declaration of his principles. Such men as a rule are safe as leaders of public measures from the fact that their convictions are the result of careful study and investigation of the matter in hand.

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ALBERT N. METZGER.

Albert N. Metzger is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty-six acres and its neat and thrifty appearance indicates his careful supervision and practical methods. This property lies in Clyman township, where occurred the birth of Mr. Metzger, March 5, 1863. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Spahn) Metzger, who were natives of Alsace, Germany. The father came of French parentage and when about eighteen or twenty years of age he sailed for the new world, taking up his abode in Clyman township, Dodge county, where he purchased a farm one and a half miles west of Clyman. He cleared and improved the land and continued its cultivation until his life's labors were ended in death on the 25th of November, 1887. His wife had passed away about twenty-five years before. Joseph Metzger became an extensive landowner and his labors and efforts were a valued element in the improvement and development of the district in which he lived. After the death of his first wife he married again and there were three sons born of the second marriage, while Albert N. Metzger is the youngest son born of the father's first marriage, by which there was a family of twelve children.

In the schools of Clyman and of Lowell townships Albert N. Metzger pursued his education and received practical training in the work of the home farm through the assistance which he rendered his father from the time he was old enough to handle the plow until his father's death. He was married, on the 9th of October, 1888, to Miss Amelia Mott, who was born near Watertown, July 10, 1866, a daughter of Frank and Rosalia (Roffice) Mott, who were natives of Bohemia, and became early settlers of Wisconsin, arriving in Dodge county in the latter '50s. For a number of years they resided upon a farm and then removed to Watertown, where they lived for some years but afterward took up their abode on a farm in Clyman township, where the mother passed away. The father afterward returned to Watertown, where he still makes his home. He was married again but his second wife is also deceased. In his family were eight children, Mrs. Metzger being the fourth in order of birth.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Metzger began their domestic life upon a farm in Clyman township which he purchased. After spending three years there his health failed him and he sold that property, removing to the village of Clyman, where he remained for a year. He next bought a farm near

Lowell and successfully cultivated it until 1904, when he sold that property and purchased his present place, comprising one hundred and sixty-six acres of highly improved land, on which he carries on general farming. His fields are well tilled, his fences and buildings are kept in good repair and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place indicates him to be a practical and progressive agriculturist.

Mr. and Mrs. Metzger are the parents of three children. Lawrence, born July 11, 1889, married Anna Casper and follows farming at Clyman. Elenora, born December 9, 1890, and Leo, born November 30, 1896, are both at home. The parents are members of the Roman Catholic church in Clyman. In politics Mr. Metzger is a democrat and his fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, have elected him to several local offices. He acted as assessor and also represented the village of Lowell on the county board of supervisors, of which he was chairman. He is ever interested in the welfare and upbuilding of town and county and supports any measure or movement which he believes will contribute to the growth and prosperity of the district.

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#### ELLEN LYONS.

The work which Ellen Lyons has accomplished in the development of her fine farm on section 22, Clyman township, does much to disprove the old idea that business ability and executive force are monopolized by men. For many years she has given her entire attention to the improvement of her property and has become recognized as one of the most able agriculturists in this part of Wisconsin. She was born in New York, March 14, 1850, and is a daughter of Patrick and Catherine (McCormick) Lyons. The father was a native of Dublin, Ireland, born in 1817, and came to America when he was fourteen years of age. In New York he learned the tinsmith's trade and worked at it until he was thirty years of age. In that year he came as a pioneer to Wisconsin, settling in Clyman township at a time when there were very few settlers in this part of the state. The land which he purchased was covered with a dense growth of timber which he was obliged to clear before the work of development could be begun. Acre by acre, it was brought under the plow and gradually by hard and unrelenting work Mr. Lyons turned a wilderness into fertile fields. He suffered many hardships in the early days of his settlement here. For some time he was obliged to haul all of his grain to Milwaukee by ox team, but gradually conditions improved and civilization became slowly established. Mr. Lyons devoted his entire time to farming, in which he engaged until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-one years of age. His wife was a native of County Longford, Ireland, and she also has passed away. To their union were born eight children: Thomas, whose birth occurred in New York; Eliza, born in New York, who is married and lives in Ogden, Utah; Ellen, our subject; Annie, a resident of Minnesota; Catherine, who was born in Clyman township, August 28, 1854, and who makes her home with her sister Ellen; Emma, also born in Clyman township, who lives in Milwaukee; Marguerite, a native of the same section.



who married William Whitton and makes her home with the subject of this review; and Patrick, who is married and resides in Minnesota.

After the death of Patrick Lyons the farm was operated by one of his sons for seven years, when it came into possession of Ellen and Catherine Lyons, who have resided upon the property since that time. Since she has assumed control Miss Lyons has made substantial improvements, has built a fine new barn and a long stone house for her chickens. She does farming and is extensively interested in dairying, keeping a fine grade of cows for this purpose. She has followed steadily the most practical and systematic methods and has been rewarded for her care and labor by the excellent condition of her property which is one of the most attractive farms in this locality. She is a woman of rare executive force, a daughter of a Wisconsin pioneer, with much of her father's sturdy power and she has become recognized in the course of years as one of the most successful agriculturists in this part of the county.

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#### AUGUST A. GENRICH.

August A. Genrich owns one hundred and thirty-three acres of land two and one-half miles north of Juneau and upon this property is carrying on farming, gaining prosperity which is the natural result of practical application. He was born in Pomerania, Germany, May 8, 1866, a son of Frank and Tena (Litz) Genrich, natives of that province. They came to America in 1867, settling first in Milwaukee and coming from that city to Dodge county, where they located on a farm at Rolling Prairie. Upon this land they remained until 1874, when they moved to Nebraska and there resided for three years, at the end of which time they returned to Rolling Prairie and remained there for a number of years. The father owns extensive property upon what is known as Clayton Prairie and gives a general supervision to its management although he has retired from active farm life and lives in Beaver Dam.

August A. Genrich is the eldest of a family of eight children. He attended the district schools and lived at home until he was twenty-five years of age. At that time he rented a farm near Burnett and engaged in general agricultural pursuits. After two years he bought land in Burnett township, which he operated for nine years, being obliged to move to Beaver Dam at the end of that time on account of Mrs. Genrich's failing health. In that city he engaged in the teaming business for five years and then purchased land near Juneau, upon which he resides. He owns one hundred and thirty-three acres, highly improved and equipped with the latest farm machinery and devotes his entire time to the management and development of his property. He owes his prosperity to long familiarity with soil conditions, to personal experience in the fields and to the intelligence which directs his activities, and reaps its results in increasingly abundant harvests.

On September 2, 1891, Mr. Genrich married Miss Anna Schroeder, who was born February 12, 1871, a daughter of Henry and Hannah (Kaske) Schroeder, natives of Pomerania, Germany, who came to America about 1870 and settled in Rolling Prairie, where they have since resided. The father is a

grain buyer for the Appleton Malting Company and owns large tracts of valuable property in the township, his sons having assumed charge of the operation of his farms. Mr. and Mrs. Genrich have three children: Wright Henry, born December 17, 1893; Mabel, born July 31, 1896; and Gladys, born September 6, 1898. The family belong to the Lutheran church.

Mr. Genrich is interested in the Lutheran Insurance Company at Appleton. He is one of the sterling and substantial citizens of Dodge county, who seeks success in a field which has repaid his labors by increasing prosperity.

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#### JOHN M. MANLEY.

John M. Manley, proprietor of the Manley Hotel at Beaver Dam, is a native son of the city, having been born September 8, 1873. His parents were Michael and Anna Manley, natives of Ireland, who came from that country to Wisconsin and were married in this state. The father passed away in 1905 and the mother died in the following year.

John M. Manley was one of nine children born to his parents. He was educated in the public schools of his native city and when he had laid aside his books worked at various occupations for some time. He began to gain hotel experience as an employe in the old Clark House and after twelve years of this activity became proprietor of the Manley Hotel in December, 1909, and has been associated with its management and operation since that time. He is the sole owner of the establishment and during only three years has made it the leading hotel in the city. It is conducted conservatively and systematically and has been made comfortable and modern in every detail. It is operated always with a view to the needs and convenience of its guests and has prospered because of the efficiency of its manager and by reason of the upright and honorable business standards which he advocates and follows.

Mr. Manley was married in 1903 to Miss Grace Hammer, a daughter of Joseph Hammer, of Beaver Dam. He is well known in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and has many friends in Beaver Dam, who have known him since his childhood.

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#### DELOS B. TERRY, D. D. S.

Delos B. Terry, D. D. S., who since 1897 has engaged in the practice of dentistry in Beaver Dam, occupying a foremost place in the ranks of the profession, was born on September 14, 1862, and is a son of Caleb M. and Martha T. Terry. He received his education in the public schools of Lowell, Wisconsin, and was graduated from the Chicago Dental College in 1897. He has had to work for every advantage he has had in life and has attained his present position by conquering obstacles and overcoming difficulties. He worked during the summers when he was acquiring his education and went to school in the winter months. When he reached the age of twenty-one years, he had become suffi-

ently proficient to teach school, and supported himself in this way until he entered the Chicago Dental College, from which he graduated with the degree of D. D. S. He located immediately for practice in Beaver Dam and has been increasingly successful with every year. He had married at the age of twenty-eight years and it was not until he was thirty-one that he definitely determined upon the practice of dentistry. His professional course was taken when he was thirty-two years of age and was acquired with his own means. The qualities which marked him as a boy and a young man have been characteristic of his later life and have won him wide reputation as a dentist and recognition as an unusual and determined man.

Dr. Terry was married September 17, 1890, to Miss Ursula Gibson, a daughter of John W. and Rosetta Gibson of Lowell, Wisconsin. Mrs. Terry is a charming and well informed woman and has been a valuable aid to her husband in his career. In his political affiliations Dr. Terry is an independent democrat, giving a general allegiance to the party principles but reserving his freedom of judgment. He is interested in the opportunities of education in the state of Wisconsin and is serving at the present time as president of the school board. He affiliates with the Methodist church. The place which he holds among his colleagues and fellow citizens is an enviable one, and his success must be the more satisfactory to him, as he has won it for himself. The result reflects credit upon him as an individual and ranks him among successful men by reason of the distinction.

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#### ARTHUR A. MARQUARDT.

Arthur A. Marquardt, one of the best known and most progressive representatives of farming interests in Hubbard township, applies to the duties which devolve upon him in the development of one hundred and thirty-five acres of land the liberal education which he has acquired and which makes his labors more effective and far reaching. He was born in Williamstown, Dodge county, March 18, 1888, and is a son of William Marquardt, a native of Germany, born December 8, 1860. His father came to America when a young man and, although he had learned the machinist's trade in his native country, never engaged in it in the United States, giving his entire time to agricultural pursuits. By earnest and persistent work he gained success and a competence which enabled him to retire from active life. He built a fine home in the city of Horicon and in it resides with his wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Josephine Brummund, born in Herman township, Dodge county, March 8, 1862.

In the acquirement of an education Arthur A. Marquardt attended the German schools at Horicon and was also a pupil in the Horicon public schools. This he supplemented by a course in the International Correspondence School and by hard work in the night school at Horicon, thus completing an excellent general education. He worked upon the home farm until his marriage on the 8th of June, 1911, and then rented from his father the one hundred and thirty-five acres which he operates. He has devoted special attention to dairying, keeping a fine herd of graded Holstein cows for this purpose. He is a young man and has given

evidence of an energetic and progressive spirit which will undoubtedly carry him forward into important relations with agricultural interests of this section.

Mr. Marquardt's wife was in her maidenhood Miss Ella Buss, and she was born in Hubbard township, January 9, 1887. Her parents, August and Anna (Hilgendorf) Buss, natives of Germany, are living in Hubbard township. Mr. and Mrs. Marquardt have one daughter, Esther, who was born June 30, 1912. Mr. Marquardt gives his allegiance to the republican party and is active in his support of measures in which he believes, although he never seeks public office. His religious views are in accord with those of the Lutheran church. His many sterling traits have won him high regard and, although still young, he is one of the successful and prominent citizens of this part of Wisconsin.

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#### JOHN HENRY SHERMAN, M. D.

Dr. John H. Sherman is a native son of Beaver Dam and is now living retired in that city after an active and useful life as a general medical practitioner. He was born on October 22, 1863, and is a son of John and Eva (Schwerts) Sherman, natives of Saxe-Coburg, Germany. Their marriage occurred in Oswego, New York, about the year 1848 and shortly afterward they came to Wisconsin, settling in Beaver Dam. The father was a cooper by trade and established a factory in this city, where he specialized in the making of flour barrels. He engaged in this line of occupation until 1868, when he disposed of his business. Two years afterward he became associated with J. C. Zanden in the general merchandise business and the partnership continued for about fifteen years to their mutual advantage. At the end of that time Mr. Sherman sold his interest to Mr. Zanden and from that time until his death lived practically retired. He passed away in 1902, when he was seventy-six years old, having survived his wife by two years, her death having occurred when she had reached the age of seventy. Both are buried in Oakwood cemetery.

Dr. Sherman was the youngest in a family of seven children. He was educated in the public schools of his native city and was graduated from the pharmaceutical department of the University of Wisconsin with the class of 1884. He later entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, receiving the degree of M. D. in 1890. He afterward spent two years in the Milwaukee Hospital, gaining valuable practical experience. At the end of that time he located for practice in Fountain City, where for two years he was successful and prosperous. He then moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and after a short time in that city went to Chicago. When he left Illinois he settled in Beaver Dam and from the very beginning his success was gratifying, based as it was upon the firm foundation of scientific efficiency. He has now given up his active duties and has been living retired in this city since 1900.

In November, 1899, Dr. Sherman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Sherman, a daughter of Paul and Mary Sherman, natives of Saxe-Coburg, Germany. The parents were married in New York state and spent their entire lives in that state. Mrs. Sherman was the fifth in a family of seven children and her birth occurred on the 14th of February, 1863.

Dr. Sherman has always been a democrat in his political views but beyond voting the party ticket takes no active part in public affairs. He has many friends in the city in which he resides. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church and the Doctor is a member of the board of trustees of that organization.

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#### CHRIST WENGER.

The cheese-making industry as well as agricultural interests in Dodge county have profited by the activities of Christ Wenger, owner of three cheese factories and of one of the model farms of Hubbard township. Throughout the district Mr. Wenger is recognized as one of the men whose work contributes to the development of this district, and he is highly esteemed for his substantial character, his straightforward methods and his honesty of purpose. A native of Switzerland, Mr. Wenger was born April 6, 1868, and is a son of Christ and Marie Wenger, natives of that country. His father was born in 1830 and passed away in 1892. His wife is also deceased.

Christ Wenger attended school in Switzerland and remained in that country until 1893, when he came to America and worked as a cheese-maker. He had learned cheese-making in Switzerland when a boy and worked at that employment in his native country from early youth. That his activities along this line have been successful is evidenced by the fact that he owns three large cheese factories, one located a mile and a half east of Horicon, one five and a half miles southeast of Mayville and the other upon his farm in Hubbard township. Laudable ambition has directed his labors along this line and has combined with his fine business intelligence and his effective executive force to place him among the business men of Dodge county, whose work has been most directly beneficial to the general interests of the section. Of late years Mr. Wenger has put managers in his different factories in order that he may have more time to give to the development of his farm of sixty-four acres. This property he purchased five years ago and since that time has made many substantial improvements in buildings and equipment. He erected recently a fine new barn and a comfortable house, as well as the newest of his cheese factories. Upon the property he does general farming, giving special attention to dairying, keeping for the latter purpose graded and registered Holstein cattle, and both branches of his work yield him a fine annual income. Mr. Wenger is intensely practical in all that he undertakes and the careful consideration which he gives to every phase of a subject before he definitely forms his plans has been one of the features of his success. He keeps in touch with the people of the country who have interests similar to his own through his membership in the Cheese Makers Association and thus is familiar with every new development in methods or in the scientific aspects of his business.

Mr. Wenger married, on the 16th of April, 1900, Miss Magdalena Gertsch, who was born December 24, 1874, a daughter of Gotlieb and Marguerite (Gobeli) Gertsch, natives of Switzerland, both of whom passed away in that country. Mr. and Mrs. Wenger have three children, Bertha, Emma and Edward,

all of whom attend the district school. Mr. Wenger does not give his allegiance to any political party, voting independently. Throughout the nineteen years of his residence in this section he has labored effectively for the agricultural and industrial development and by reason of his business enterprise, his integrity and his sterling personal worth has taken a high place among the class of men whom America welcomes so eagerly as adopted citizens.

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#### WILLIAM FERDINAND KRAETZNER.

William Ferdinand Kraetzner, who has until recently operated a farm in Oak Grove township, moved in 1912 upon one hundred and fifty-six acres in Lowell township, which he is now cultivating, and is ranked among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Dodge county. His birth occurred June 4, 1865, in Theresa township, and he is a son of Ferdinand and Carolina (Belling) Kraetzner, natives of Germany. The father was born in Tainsdorf, November 4, 1827, and the mother in Schulzendorf, November 11, 1832. They crossed the Atlantic to America in 1854 and settled upon a farm in Theresa township, on which the father died in February, 1907, and the mother in March of the following year.

William Kraetzner attended district school in Theresa township and aided his father in the work of the farm until his marriage after which he purchased the homestead and began an independent agricultural career. He first had eighty-six acres of highly improved land in excellent condition which he operated as a stock farm until 1908, when he bought his Oak Grove farm. Upon this property he made extensive improvements, built new buildings and installed modern equipment, making it one of the most attractive and valuable farms in the neighborhood. In 1912 he sold this place and bought one hundred and fifty-six acres in Lowell township, to which he has just moved.

On May 11, 1905, Mr. Kraetzner was united in marriage to Miss Lorenda Benzel, who was born in Theresa township, February 25, 1883, a daughter of Emil and Bertha (Seling) Benzel, the former born in Germany and the latter in Theresa township. Mr. and Mrs. Kraetzner have three children: Irvin, born November 7, 1906; Selma, born in April, 1910; and Elmer, whose birth occurred in March, 1912. The family belong to the Lutheran church at Horicon. Mr. Kraetzner gives his allegiance to the republican party but has never been active in public life, preferring to devote his entire attention to the management of his farm.

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#### HERMAN BARTELT.

The farming interests of Oak Grove township find a worthy representative in Herman Bartelt, who owns and cultivates ninety-four acres of land. His birth occurred in Hubbard township, Dodge county, on the 28th of August, 1882, his parents being August and Augusta (Kraus) Bartelt, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the

sketch of Frank S. Bartelt, a brother of our subject. He obtained his education in the district schools of Oak Grove township and also attended a German school in Juneau during one winter. When not busy with his text-books he assisted in the operation of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On attaining his majority he purchased the old homestead and was busily engaged in its operation until 1909, when he disposed of the property and bought the farm of ninety-four acres on which he has resided to the present time. The land is all under a high state of cultivation and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place gives evidence of the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. Mr. Bartelt cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and is also engaged in dairying to some extent, marketing his product at the Essman cheese factory adjoining his farm, in which he is a stockholder.

On the 20th of October, 1907, Mr. Bartelt was joined in wedlock to Miss Olga Stark, who was born in Hubbard township, this county, on the 15th of August, 1887, her parents being Carl and Clara (Youlka) Stark, natives of Germany. They became early settlers of Hubbard township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, where Mr. Stark purchased land and followed farming. In 1901 he took up his abode in Hustisford township, where he has remained to the present time, being still busily engaged in the work of the fields.

Politically Mr. Bartelt is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church at Juneau. Both he and his wife have always lived in this county and their circle of friends here is a wide one. A young man of enterprise and ability, he has already won a creditable measure of prosperity and the future is bright with promise.

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#### WILL L. JONES, D. D. S.

Dr. Will L. Jones, a prominent dentist in Beaver Dam, was born at Racine, Wisconsin, November 11, 1866, and is a son of Thomas and Winifred (Lewis) Jones. The father came from his native country, Wales, to Wisconsin at an early date and followed his trade of tailor in Racine for a number of years. He subsequently moved to Fox Lake, where he died in 1895, having survived his wife, who passed away in 1887. He was an adherent of the Presbyterian church and well known as a man of exemplary character.

Dr. Jones was reared at home and educated in the public schools of Fox Lake and attended Fox Lake College. He was graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1890 being the valedictorian of his class and located immediately for practice in Beaver Dam and has been increasingly successful since that time.

On November 4, 1891, Dr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Grace G. Gorton, a daughter of Professor O. N. and Harriet M. (Palmer) Gorton, of Fox Lake. Dr. Jones' first wife died in 1907 and on February 14, 1911, our subject was again married, his second union being with Miss Emma Alene Gorton, a sister of his former wife. To the first union was born a daughter, Harriet Winifred. She is a graduate of Wayland Academy of 1910 and received from the University of Chicago in June, 1912, the title of associate with honors.

Mrs. Jones' brother, Dr. F. T. Gorton, is a practicing physician of Portage, Wisconsin.

In his political views Dr. Jones is a consistent republican and has served as school commissioner for several terms and as president of the school board with great energy and talent. He is also on the public library board and his cooperation is never sought in vain for any movement looking toward educational expansion. He is a member of the Wisconsin State Dental Society and belongs to Dodge County Lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M., of which organization he is a past master, and is likewise a member of the Chapter. He was president of the Masonic Temple Building Association and has done valuable and important work in this capacity. He brings to the practice of his profession an efficient equipment in the technical and mechanical details of dentistry, guided by business judgment and practical common sense, and the high quality of his work has increased his patronage every year, until today he is prominent and successful in his profession.

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#### LEWIS J. YOUNG.

Lewis J. Young, who for a long period was connected with agricultural pursuits in Dodge county, is now a factor in the commercial life of Clyman, where he is engaged in the hardware and implement business as a partner of Harry L. Morgan. He was born in Rubicon township, this county, May 5, 1884, a son of Lewis C. and Abbie Jane (Mann) Young, the former a native of Rochester, New York, and the latter of Neosho, this county. In early manhood the father engaged in teaching school but later engaged in tally work for a large lumber concern. He was a small boy when he came to Wisconsin with his parents, who located in Rubicon township, where eventually Lewis C. Young became a landowner with extensive holdings. He carefully and systematically developed his interests and continued to engage in farming to the time of his death, although he spent the winter months during the latter part of his life in California and the south, his death occurring in the year 1905. He had for five years survived his wife, who passed away in the year 1900.

Lewis J. Young was the fourth in order of birth in their family of six children and at the usual age began his education as a pupil in the district schools of Rubicon township. He also studied for a time at Hartford and when seventeen years of age he assumed the management of the old homestead property, comprising two hundred and thirty-three acres on sections 33 and 34, Rubicon township. He proved competent to manage farming interests of this character and when twenty-two years of age he bought the old home property, which he continued to further develop and cultivate until 1909. He then rented it and has since engaged in merchandising, while in 1911 he sold the home farm in order to concentrate his energies more largely upon his present business. Two years before he had joined H. L. Morgan in the hardware trade and is now junior partner in the firm of Morgan & Young, who are extensively engaged in dealing in farm machinery, buggies, binders, twine, harness, paints, oils, sporting goods, gasoline engines and pumps. They also carry an extensive stock of



shelf and heavy hardware, and do pump repairing, conduct a garage and carry on a general livery business.

On the 25th of November, 1908, Mr. Young was married to Miss Mabel Jessie Bunnell, and they have two children: Ennison Mann, born in February, 1910; and Lewis Russell, born on the 1st of September, 1912. Mr. Young holds membership with the Eagles and the Knights of Pythias. He is a young man of determination and energy, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. Clyman numbers him among her valued citizens because of his progressive spirit.

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#### ISADORE WILK.

Isadore Wilk is a partner in the firm of Wilk Brothers, who established the first exclusively men's clothing store in Beaver Dam, beginning business in 1889, since which time they have steadily advanced in popular favor until their establishment is now accorded an extensive patronage and brings to them a gratifying measure of prosperity. Isadore Wilk was born in Russia, in 1860, his parents being Aaron and Helene Wilk. The father, before going to Russia had lived in Germany until 1856, and about 1868, returned to Germany, following the death of his wife, which occurred in Russia. He was married again in the fatherland and continued to make his home in that country where he was engaged in the lumber business.

Isadore Wilk was largely reared in Germany and in 1880, when twenty years of age, came to the United States, having determined to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic because of the favorable reports which he heard concerning the business opportunities of the United States. He made his way at once to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he engaged in peddling goods in the city for about thirteen months. The year after his arrival he was joined by his brother Herman and as partners they opened a store in Minneapolis for the sale of men's furnishing goods, but sold out eighteen months later. Isadore Wilk then established a dairy farm near the city and conducted it for twenty-one months. While on the farm he was married, on the 7th of June, 1885, to Miss Helene Werhlanske. Her father, a native of Poland, went to Germany as a boy and there married the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sass. They lived and died in Germany but their daughter Helene came to the United States in her girlhood. She had been a schoolmate of Mr. Wilk in Germany and came to the new world as his betrothed, the marriage being celebrated soon after her arrival. For more than a quarter of a century they traveled life's journey happily together and were then separated by the death of the wife, July 22, 1911. They were the parents of four children: Benjamin, who is connected with the magazine business in New York city; Harriet, at home; Henry, who was born November 15, 1890, and died April 22, 1911, at the age of twenty-one years and five months; and Irving, who was born in 1892 and died at the age of three months.

After his marriage Mr. Wilk sold his dairy and returned to Minneapolis, where he again conducted a store until 1889, and then removed to Beaver Dam,

Here as a member of the firm of Wilk Brothers he opened a store at 106 Front street, being the first exclusive dealers in men's clothing in this city. Mr. Wilk holds membership with the Masonic lodge at Beaver Dam. He has made for himself an excellent record as a business man during his residence in this city.

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### HARRY L. MORGAN.

Harry L. Morgan is the senior partner of the firm of Morgan & Young and as such is one of the oldest merchants in Clyman in years of continuous connection with business activity here. Throughout this entire period he has been alert, enterprising and energetic—qualities which have constituted the foundation upon which he has builded his success. He was born at Rosendale, Wisconsin, September 20, 1876, a son of Lysond and Josephine (Anderson) Morgan, both of whom were natives of England, the former born May 16, 1846, and the latter on the 10th of November, 1854. The father was a lad of six years when brought by his parents to the new world, the family home being established at Rosendale, Fond du Lac county, where he grew to manhood and became a land-owner, there engaging in farming up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 19th of January, 1909. It was at Friendship, Fond du Lac county, that he wedded Josephine Anderson, who survives him and lives on the old homestead. He had been previously married and to the first union one child was born: Frank W., who is a traveling salesman and general manager for the Reeves Thresher Company, living at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. By the second marriage were born four children: Harry L.; Irwin J., who resides on the old homestead; John, who also remains on the farm; and Hazel, the wife of Henry Hollander, a farmer living in Lamartine township, Fond du Lac county.

Harry L. Morgan attended school in Rosendale and when not occupied with his text-books worked in the fields, remaining at home until the time he attained his majority. He believed that he would find commercial pursuits, however, more congenial and profitable than farming and at the age of twenty-one left home and secured a clerkship in the hardware store of J. A. Bunnell at Clyman. After three years spent as a salesman he purchased the business in partnership with Ed. Motl, with whom he conducted the store for three years, when Mr. Motl sold his interest to Henry Freber, the firm of Morgan & Freber existing for one year. On the expiration of that period Mr. Morgan purchased his partner's interest and was alone in business for five years, at the end of which time he admitted his brother-in-law, L. J. Young, to a partnership that still exists under the firm style of Morgan & Young. They carry a complete line of farm machinery, buggies, binders, twine, harness, paints, oils, sporting goods, gasoline engines and pumps, together with an extensive stock of shelf and heavy hardware, and they also do pump repairing, conduct a garage and carry on a general livery business. Mr. Morgan is likewise a director of the Farmers State Bank of Clyman and is collector for three different insurance companies. He concentrates his energies upon his business affairs, which are growing in volume and importance, and he is recognized as one of the most active, energetic and progressive business men of the city.

On the 22d of January, 1902, Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Myrtle J. Bunnell, who was born in Clyman township, Dodge county, January 28, 1879, and is a daughter of James A. and Jennie (Ennison) Bunnell. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have become parents of three children: Grace Florence, born December 23, 1903; Mildred Gladys, January 13, 1908; and Milton B., March 14, 1910. Mr. Morgan holds membership in the Modern Woodmen camp, in which he is serving as banker, and he is secretary of the Beavers. In politics he is an independent republican but has never aspired to office. He votes according to the dictates of his judgment rather than that of party bosses, and at all times he stands loyally in defense of what he believes to be for the best interests of the community.

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ROLAND E. SCHOEN, M. D.

Dr. Roland E. Schoen is one of the well known and influential citizens of Beaver Dam where he is engaged in the general practice of medicine. In his high professional attainment and in the humanitarian principles by which he carries on his work he is following his father in an honorable career. He was born on May 4, 1878, in Mayville, Wisconsin, and is a son of Dr. August F. and Margaret (Owen) Schoen. He is of German ancestry, his father having come to the United States in 1864 from the province of Brandenburg when he was still a youth, and settled in Mayville, where he received his education in the Lutheran parochial school. When he laid aside his books he entered the employ of R. Sauerhering in the drug business and later followed this line of activity in Chicago. He lost his entire fortune in the fire of 1871 and returned to Mayville where he established a drug business and met with a gratifying degree of success. In 1883 he was graduated from Rush Medical College at Chicago with the degree of M. D. He immediately located for practice in Mayville, where he has been successful as a physician since that time. He has always been a republican and a staunch supporter of the party principles. He has lived in America continuously since his arrival with the exception of some time spent in touring Germany, France and Switzerland in 1905. He is one of the able and enterprising doctors of Mayville and has built up an extensive practice during the period of his residence in that city.

Dr. Roland E. Schoen was educated in the public schools of his native city and was graduated from the high school in 1897. He attended the University of Chicago and in 1903 received his doctor's degree from Rush Medical College. He supplemented this efficient education by eighteen months in the Englewood hospital in Chicago. When his father left upon his journey through various European countries Dr. Roland Schoen relieved him of his practice, locating in Beaver Dam on October 25, 1905. He has been a resident of this city since that time and his practice has been continually increasing with every year of his activity. He is interested in every phase of the medical profession. While he was a resident of Chicago he was connected with the Second Regiment hospital corps and has been city physician and health officer in Beaver Dam since 1907. He is a member of the Wisconsin State Medical Society and

the Dodge County Medical Society and is also affiliated with the National Association.

On June 26, 1907, Dr. Schoen was united in marriage to Miss Franciska Butterbrodt, a daughter of August Butterbrodt of Beaver Dam. Mrs. Schoen is one of nine children born to her parents. The others are: Ernest, who is a resident of Trenton township; Fred, of Burnett township; Charlie, who resides in Beaver Dam; Augusta, who is the wife of Herman Albrecht, of the same city; and Marie, Frank, Herman Albert and Arthur, all of whom are residents of Beaver Dam.

In his political affiliations Dr. Schoen is a democrat but does not take a very active part in political affairs. His public spirit, however, has found a worthy expression in another direction, which will prove of everlasting good to the community, for it was through his efforts that the Beaver Dam hospital was established and opened on October 18, 1912, filling a long-felt want, as it is the first institution of its kind in the city. He affiliates with the Lutheran church and is widely known as a man of exemplary character. He has gained an extensive and valuable patronage in the city in which he resides which numbers him among the prominent medical practitioners of the county. His high professional attainments and the sterling qualities of his character justify the respect and esteem in which he is held by the medical fraternity and by the local public.

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#### CHARLES F. NORTH, M. D.

Dr. Charles F. North bases his undoubted success in the general practice of medicine upon his splendid professional training, his scientifically efficient methods of work and his excellent general and specialized knowledge. He was born April 24, 1854, in New Britain, Connecticut, and is a son of Fred H. and Mary E. North. His family is descended from John North who came from England in 1635 and settled in Hartford county, Connecticut. Fred H. North, the father of our subject, came west to Chicago in 1890, and seven years later came with his son to Beaver Dam. Here his death occurred. During his life he had been a prominent and successful manufacturer but retired from business in 1876. His wife was born October 9, 1833, and their marriage occurred in New Britain, Connecticut, in August, 1850. They were the parents of three children: Charles F., the subject of this sketch; Grace Eugenia, who died at the age of twenty-three; and Mary F., whose birth occurred on February 19, 1862, and who is now a resident of Beaver Dam.

Dr. North was educated in public and private schools of New Britain, Connecticut, and received his early training at home. In 1879, determining to take up the practice of medicine, he went to Germany to study his profession in the efficient schools of that country. He remained there five years, graduating from the University of Leipsic in 1884. He took the degree of doctor of medicine and surgery and of obstetrics from this institution and supplemented this course by special studies in the University of Prague.

On April 3, 1884, in Leipsic, Dr. North was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth C. C. Kunz, a daughter of Camillo and Theresa (Guenther) Kunz,

natives of Saxony, Germany, where their marriage occurred. Mrs. North's grandfather was a prominent engineer in his native country and built the first railroad in Germany. He earned the title of major during the Crimean war, and all during his life gave his attention to the details of his profession. Mrs. North's father was crown attorney in Germany and one of the prominent and representative members of the bar of that country. Her brother, Dr. Walter C. Kunz, is a practicing physician in Rosario, Argentine Republic. To Dr. and Mrs. North have been born three children. Grace Elizabeth, born in Chicago, October 23, 1886, is a graduate of the Beaver Dam high school, Wayland Academy and Dennison University of Granville, Ohio, from which latter institution she took a degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, and taught for some years in the Cumberland high school at Cumberland, Wisconsin, but is now a resident of Beaver Dam. Elsie C., born in Chicago, May 11, 1891, is a graduate of the high school of Beaver Dam and of Wayland Academy and now a student at Dennison University. Walter S., who was born in Beaver Dam, July 12, 1893, is now attending the public schools.

In his political affiliations Dr. North is a consistent republican but never seeks public office. He is affiliated with various organizations connected with his profession. He is a member of the Wisconsin State Medical Society and the Dodge County Medical Society, of which body he has been president. Fraternally he is a blue lodge Mason and is master of Dodge County Lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M. He is one of the highly esteemed and undoubtedly successful physicians of Beaver Dam. He has built up a profitable patronage which ranks him among the prominent and representative members of the medical profession and he owes his success to his unaided merit. He is a successful physician because he is a thoroughly equipped one. He has the foundation of all true professional prosperity—scientific efficiency.

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#### A. A. HOYER, M. D.

Dr. A. A. Hoyer, a well known medical practitioner of Westford, Dodge county, was born in Platteville, Wisconsin, in 1879. His father, Rev. E. Hoyer, a minister of the Lutheran church, was born in 1853 in Hamburg, Germany, and came to America when he was about fifteen years of age, settling in Watertown. Here he completed an education begun in Germany in the public schools of the city and supplemented this by a course in the Northwestern University. His theological studies were pursued at the St. Louis Theological Seminary and he was ordained to the ministry in 1881. His first charge was at Manchester, Wisconsin, and from there he removed to Platteville. Eventually he accepted a charge at West Bend and has made that city his home since that time. He married Miss Mary Keissel, who was born in Maryland in 1859, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Keissel, of that state. She was educated in the public schools of her native section and at the Northwestern University at Watertown. Rev. and Mrs. Hoyer became the parents of nine children. A. A. Hoyer, the subject of this review, is the eldest. Elsie, born in 1881, is residing at home. Walter, born in 1883, is married and lives in North Yakima, Washington. Agnes, born

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in 1884, lives at home. Ruth, born in 1886, is a trained nurse by profession and resides at Evanston, Illinois. Irene, born in 1887, is a civil service teacher at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and holds her position under the United States government. George, born in 1890, is pursuing the medical course in the Northwestern University at Chicago, Illinois, being now in his sophomore year. Reginald, born in 1892, is studying pharmacy at West Bend, where he is employed as clerk in a drug store. Edward, who completes the family, was born in 1895 and is a student in the high school at West Bend.

A. A. Hoyer was still a child when his father removed from Platteville to West Bend and his early education was received in the public schools of that city. He is a graduate of the West Bend high school and afterward attended Marquette University at Milwaukee, from which institution he received his degree of M. D. in 1906. He located immediately in Randolph and from the very beginning his success has been unusual, he having in six years built up an enviable and profitable practice as a physician and surgeon. His skill in diagnosing diseases and in the application of remedies is widely recognized and he commands the respect and esteem of his patients, fellow citizens and members of the medical fraternity.

In 1910 Dr. Hoyer was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Jones, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones, of Gomer, Ohio, and a graduate of Northern University at Ada, in the same state. To Dr. and Mrs. Hoyer has been born a son, Edward Charles, whose birth occurred in October, 1911. They belong to the Lutheran church. Dr. Hoyer is a member of the County, State and American Medical Societies and in his social and professional life is recognized as a man of genuine personal worth, who has won the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### HENRY S. GILMORE.

The activities which have marked the career of Henry S. Gilmore include his connection with many different phases of life in Dodge county. He is well known in fraternal circles and has figured prominently in county and state politics. He has also been an important force in the agricultural development of his section although he has now definitely retired from this field of activity. He is residing in Beaver Dam and is well known in this city as a man who will always cooperate in promoting the progress and welfare of his community. He was born in Yorkville, Racine county, Wisconsin, November 14, 1848, and is a son of David S. and Lorena S. (Goff) Gilmore. His father was born September 22, 1817, and came to Wisconsin from Ohio in 1839. He was a successful agriculturist and when he moved to Racine county in 1855, he engaged in this line of occupation with increasing success until his death on July 1, 1873. He became prominently connected with republican politics in the section in which he settled and served as county treasurer of Racine county and later as justice of the peace in Dodge county with much energy and success. While he was a resident of Ohio he belonged to the state militia. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Lorena S. Goff, was born on the 16th of September, 1820.

Their marriage occurred in Yorkville, Racine county, on May 31, 1846. Mrs. Gilmore survived her husband until 1880, her death occurring on the 10th of February in that year. They were the parents of two children: Henry S., the subject of this sketch; and Sophia, now Mrs. James H. Waddell, of Goldendale, Washington.

Henry S. Gilmore was reared at home and received his education in the public schools of Dodge county. He attended Wayland Academy and took a business course in the Spencerian College of Milwaukee. At the age of twenty-four years he engaged in agricultural pursuits, continuing therein until 1882. In that year he returned to Beaver Dam and has been prominent in many lines of activity in this city since that time. At one period in his career he operated a large wheat farm in North Dakota and another agricultural enterprise in Dodge county. He has now definitely retired from active farm work, abandoning this phase of his career in 1910. At the present time he is chiefly interested in local politics, voting the democratic ticket. For four years, from 1894 to 1898 he was a member of the Wisconsin state legislature and was noted for his constructive and energetic work in the interests of good government. He has the record of six years' service as mayor of Beaver Dam. He served from 1897 to 1898 in this capacity and then with the interruption of four years held the office continuously from 1902 to 1905. His public career has been distinguished by strict conscientiousness and his policy of expansion which always has for its dominating factor the welfare and interests of Beaver Dam and Dodge county. For several years Mr. Gilmore was a member of the county board and is now acting as president of the board of trustees of the Dodge County Insane Asylum. He is president of the fire and police commission of Beaver Dam and is doing efficient and useful work in this capacity.

On October 6, 1875, Mr. Gilmore was united in marriage to Miss Ella E. Curtis, a daughter of George W. and Isabel Curtis of Calamus, Dodge county, Wisconsin. Mrs. Gilmore's grandparents on the maternal side were Sam and Fannie Sunderland. The wife of our subject is one of seven children, all of whom were born in England and six of whom came to America in 1850 and located in Beaver Dam, these being Walter, George, Joseph, William and Fannie. Maria is still in England. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore have six children. The eldest is Phoebe A., who was a teacher of drawing for five years in the Beaver Dam high school before she married Frank Hyde of Appleton, Wisconsin, by whom she has four children: Genevieve; Donald and Douglas, twins; and Marion. Dora E. is a graduate of Dickson College, Illinois, where she took a special course in stenography and drawing. She taught school for five years in La Salle, Illinois, where she was connected with the high school. She later married Walter R. Clough, of Milledgeville, Illinois, by whom she has one son, Howard. George H., the eldest son born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore spent two years at the university in Appleton, Wisconsin, and taught for three years in Illinois. He later went to North Dakota and was for three years county superintendent of schools. He also acted as clerk of his township and brought to his political life high ideals of personal responsibility. He became identified with business interests in North Dakota and as president of the Farmers Elevator Company of Griffin was well known as an able executive. He married Miss Floy McLean of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and has one child, Lois. Belle



G. was a teacher in the public schools of Beaver Dam for four years previous to her marriage to Earl Phelps, of Duluth, Minnesota. The other two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore are: Charles C., living in Beaver Dam, and Elliott, who is attending the high school at Beaver Dam and makes his home with his parents.

Fraternally Mr. Gilmore is prominent in the affairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and at different times has served as noble grand of the Beaver Dam branch of that organization. He is a successful and thoroughly practical man, one who can make his influence felt in high circles in his community and who leaves upon all the work which he does the impress of an honorable and courageous personality.

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#### FERDINAND F. L. LINDEMAN.

Ferdinand F. L. Lindeman is carrying on general farming upon one hundred and sixty acres of land in Dodge county near Juneau and is numbered among the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of his section. He was born in Ashford township, Fond du Lac county, May 20, 1864, a son of Christian and Wilhelmina (Stoltzman) Lindeman, natives of Brandenburg, Germany. Their marriage occurred in the fatherland and they crossed the Atlantic to America in 1856, locating in New York state. About four years later they came to Wisconsin, settling in Juneau, where they remained only a short time. The father was a brickmaker by trade and made the first brick in Juneau. Later he went to Fond du Lac county and began general farming, residing in that section until 1868, when he came to Dodge county and settled on the farm now owned by the subject of this review. This property he operated and improved until about the year 1894, when he retired from active life and moved to Fond du Lac, returning to Juneau after one year. Here he died in 1906, having survived his wife for several years. He was prominent and active in local affairs and held various public offices, including that of township treasurer. In 1864 he was appointed by the government as drafter for Ashford township and served ably and well in this position.

Ferdinand Lindeman was educated in the public schools of Oak Grove township and in the private German school at Juneau. He remained at home until he was twenty-seven years of age and then rented his father's farm. After three years he bought this property which comprises one hundred and sixty acres of productive land and has since carried on the work of development along progressive, modern lines. He made a number of improvements on his farm since it came into his possession, and he has cleared and developed an additional forty acres and has all of the land in an excellent condition. He does general farming and stock-raising and is numbered among the substantial and successful men of his section. The management and operation of his farm, however, is by no means his only interest. He is an important figure in business circles of his section and is a stockholder in the Auto Truck factory at Juneau, and also in the Milwaukee, Western Interurban line, which is to

operate between Milwaukee and Juneau. He has also invested judiciously in Wisconsin real estate and owns valuable tracts of land in different counties.

On March 31, 1891, Mr. Lindeman was united in marriage to Miss Helena Zepp, who was born in Lowell township, February 14, 1868, a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Frey) Zepp, natives of Germany. Her father came to America in his early years and settled with his parents in Washington county where for some time he worked in the employ of others. Later he became an extensive owner of farm lands in this county. He was prominent in local politics, serving as chairman of Lowell township for several terms. When a resident of Beaver Dam he was a member of the city council and did able and efficient work in various other important offices. He died in 1901 and his wife survived him until 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Lindeman have ten children: Amanda, who was born February 25, 1892, and who resides at home; Ferdinand, Jr., born July 16, 1894; John, born May 3, 1896; Edward, whose birth occurred April 6, 1898; Helena, who died in infancy; Welda, born January 22, 1900; Elmer, born March 27, 1903; Celia, born June 20, 1905; Edna, born March 23, 1908; and Hilda, whose birth occurred October 2, 1911. The family are members of the German Reformed church.

Mr. Lindeman gives his allegiance to the democratic party and at the present time is serving his sixth term as chairman of Oak Grove township. In 1898 he was township treasurer and served one term and was for fourteen years a member of the school board. He was also clerk of this organization for fourteen years, although he did not serve consecutively, and did able and conscientious work in this capacity. He is well known in business circles of Juneau and as treasurer of the Wisconsin Hail & Cyclone Insurance Company and director of the bank at Juneau has made his influence felt in both organizations. In all affairs, in which he is interested and active he has won success, by reason of his progressive methods and his honorable business standards, which rank him among the able agriculturists of the section and among Dodge county's most valued and enterprising citizens.

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#### PAUL B. HERKER.

Paul B. Herker devotes practically his entire time and attention to the conduct of a large fire insurance agency in Horicon, his native city, handling the business of several leading American companies and has achieved prosperity in this line by reason of his business ability directed for many years along this line. He was born February 28, 1876, in the village in which he now resides, a son of Charles and Emma (Franke) Herker, natives of Germany. The father was born November 27, 1842, and the mother in 1852. Charles Herker crossed the Atlantic to America when he was about seventeen years of age and settled in Wisconsin near Mayville, where he became well known in agricultural circles. He left his farm in that section in 1873 and came to Horicon, where for several years he operated a saloon. Afterward he conducted a windmill factory but disposed of this enterprise in order to identify himself with the fire insurance business in which he was active until the time of his death which occurred

November 25, 1911. He was well known in local politics and served for eight years as city treasurer, discharging his duties ably and conscientiously and gaining recognition as an honest and upright public official. He and his wife were the parents of five children: Roland, deceased; one who died in infancy; Paul B., of this review; Otelia, the wife of Otto C. Lehman, who is engaged in the restaurant business in Horicon; and Gustav, who is engaged in the saloon business in Horicon.

Paul Herker received his education in the public schools of Horicon. After he had completed his studies at the age of sixteen years he worked in a hardware store for six years and then learned the turner's trade. He afterward conducted a saloon in Horicon for twelve years, abandoning this enterprise in order to give his attention to the management of a hardware store which he purchased. In this line of activity he continued for one year and then disposed of his interests and took up fire insurance, having one of the important agencies in Dodge county. He has made a comfortable fortune which he has invested judiciously in local enterprises, owning a fine business building and a valuable lot next to the postoffice in Horicon. In 1911 he completed a modern and up-to-date residence on Walnut street in which he resides and in which he has his office.

Mr. Herker married December 3, 1907, Miss Louisa Lehman, who was born in Ashippun township, December 26, 1875, a daughter of Ludwig and Henrietta (Thieman) Lehman, natives of Germany, who were early settlers in Dodge county. The father followed farming in Ashippun township and was an extensive land owner at the time of his death which occurred about the year 1904. His wife survives and makes her home in Neosho. In their family were five children, of whom Mrs. Herker is the eldest. Mr. and Mrs. Herker have two sons: Leonard, who was born November 11, 1909; and Arnold, whose birth occurred on the 1st of June, 1911.

Mr. Herker gives a general allegiance to the republican party but in local affairs votes for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position. He was elected city treasurer in 1912 and is discharging his duties ably and conscientiously. He has many friends in Horicon and is a prominent figure in its business and social life, having gained a success while still a young man which is generally associated with a long period of activity.

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#### LEWIS OWENS.

Lewis Owens, who has been a resident of Dodge county since his birth, has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire career and is owner of an excellent farm of ninety-five acres in Hubbard township. His birth occurred upon his father's homestead in this section, April 12, 1859, his parents being Hugh and Carolina (Albert) Owens. His father was born in Wales in 1812 and came to America in his early days and worked at farming until his death in 1884. The mother of our subject is a native of Saxony, Germany, where she was born in 1838. She still survives her husband.

In the acquirement of an education Lewis Owens attended the common schools at Iron Ridge and remained with his parents until he was twenty years of age, aiding in the work of the farm. When he began his independent career he purchased from his father the ninety-five acres which constitute his present farm. As the years have gone by he has steadily carried forward the work of development, making many substantial improvements. In connection with tilling the soil he makes a specialty of raising sheep and gives a great deal of his time to the conduct of his dairy, keeping a fine herd of graded Holstein cows for this purpose. His various interests return him a gratifying income, for Mr. Owens is a shrewd business man as well as a practical and progressive agriculturist. On December 18, 1884, Mr. Owens married Miss Louisa Matthes, who was born in Dodge county, January 21, 1863, a daughter of Fred and Johanna (Degner) Matthes, natives of Germany. Her father was born in the district of the Oderbruk, June 21, 1830, and resides in Horicon. His wife's birth occurred December 3, 1839, and she died in Woodland, Dodge county, in 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Owens have three children: Mata, who married Robert Armstrong, of Milwaukee; Nora, who lives at home; and Hugo, who resides in the northern part of the state. The family are members of the Methodist church. Mr. Owens belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and in politics is a republican, supporting men and measures of that party. His business interests have been carefully conducted, his duties of citizenship capably performed and at all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities which have developed upon him in every relation of life, so that he is regarded as one of the worthy and representative residents of his community.

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#### ROBERT H. POLZIN.

One of the most enterprising, representative and successful young business men of Minnesota Junction is Robert H. Polzin, who owns a half-interest in the Minnesota Junction Creamery, one of the most important enterprises of its kind in this section, and who is influencing its growth and development by his progressive methods, his energy and his business ability. He was earning his own livelihood when he was fourteen years of age and this early training in independence and initiative has made him successful in business at an age when most young men have scarcely begun their active career. He is a native son of Wisconsin and was born near Watertown, October 12, 1888. His parents, Godfried and Augusta (Radig) Polzin, were natives of Germany. They came to America in their early lives and settled immediately near Watertown, where the father purchased land upon which he is still residing. He has extensive property interests in this vicinity and is one of the representative citizens of the district. He was twice married. By his first union he had four children, while he and his second wife became the parents of seven, of whom our subject is the fourth in order of birth.

After completing his preliminary education in the public schools near Watertown, Robert Polzin entered the Northwestern University in the same city and upon completing his course studied in the Milwaukee Business College for some

time. He began his active career, however, when he was fourteen years of age, working as a farm hand in the summer months and gaining enough money in this way to pay for his education during the winter. When he was nineteen years of age he obtained employment in a creamery in Berlin, where he remained for eighteen months, when he went to Lake Mills and was there employed in a similar enterprise. He then invested the money he had saved in a half-interest in the Minnesota Junction Creamery and has been identified with the management of this concern in partnership with H. J. Grell since that time. The firm makes a specialty of Rose Leaf butter and cottage cheese, supplying the local markets with these commodities and also shipping to different parts of the country. The business has expanded rapidly as the pure and wholesome qualities of the products manufactured have become known and it is now a large and rapidly growing institution, operated along systematic and progressive lines. Mr. Polzin gives much of his time and attention to its management, Mr. Grell being identified with other important business enterprises, prominent among which may be mentioned the Butter & Egg Company of Johnston's Creek. He is also in partnership with Mr. Polzin interested in a moving picture theater in Juneau, which nets them gratifying financial returns,

On November 4, 1908, Mr. Polzin was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Bloch, who was born near Berlin, Wisconsin, October 16, 1888, a daughter of William and Mary (Leppert) Bloch, natives of Germany, in which country the mother passed away. The father came to this section about 1898 and settled on a farm near Berlin, where he and his second wife reside. He had three children by his first marriage and five by his second union. To Mr. and Mrs. Polzin has been born a son, Melvin, whose natal day was November 3, 1911.

Mr. Polzin does not ally himself with any political party, voting for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position. He is a member of the Lutheran church. He is a fine type of the modern young business man, forceful, enterprising and progressive, and in the four years of his connection with his present enterprise, has made it one of the important concerns in the county. At twenty-four he stands still at the beginning of his career which is a pleasant indication of a prosperous future.

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#### WILLIAM J. WEGENER.

William J. Wegener is engaged in the commission business, conducting an enterprise of this kind in Minnesota Junction, and he also gives much of his time to the development of a thirty-acre tract of land, which he operates as a truck and berry farm. He is a skillful and practical agriculturist, having learned the details of this occupation as a boy upon his father's farm, and is guided by business ability of no mean order, making him successful in his chosen line of work. He is a native son of Dodge county, born in Theresa township, August 7, 1866, a son of William and Augusta (Knoll) Wegener, both born near Berlin, Germany. His father was a farmer in his native country and followed that occupation after he came to America in May, 1866, carrying on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in September, 1867, one year after

his arrival in Wisconsin. After his demise his wife resided for three years in Theresa and then moved to Horicon, where she remained for fifteen years. At the end of that time she purchased a small farm near Minnesota Junction and resided upon this property for fourteen years, until she moved into the village, where she died January 26, 1911.

After completing his education in the public and German schools of Horicon, William J. Wegener worked upon neighboring farms until he was eighteen years of age. He then obtained a position in a wholesale grocery in Milwaukee and after a year and a half in this capacity his health failed and he was obliged to resign. In order to recuperate he worked upon a farm in the summer months for the following four years, engaging in the commission business during the winters. When he had fully recovered his health he established himself in the commission business in partnership with John Krause, at Minnesota Junction, and two years later purchased his partner's interests and has since conducted the enterprise alone. For seven years he also acted in the interests of the Standard Oil Company and then took over the agency for the Valvoline Oil Company, a connection which he has continued to the present time. He gives much of his time and attention to the operation of a thirty acre farm planted in garden truck and berries and also in grain, with which he feeds his three teams of horses. In his farming operations he has been active and energetic, his labor resulting in gratifying success. He keeps two men upon his property the year round and during the winter months when his poultry must be dressed and shipped he sometimes employs over fifteen laborers. He supplies a fine grade of dressed veal to Swift & Company and to the George F. Henrichs Company, of New York City, and his markets are rapidly extending their limits as the quality of his products becomes more widely known.

On October 1, 1895, Mr. Wegener was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie M. Friend, born in Williamstown township, near Mayville, November 28, 1869, a daughter of George and Maria (Rabach) Friend, natives of Germany. Her father was born in 1844 and when he was four years of age came to America with his parents, settling on a farm near Mayville upon which he grew to maturity. Later he moved to the vicinity of Juneau where he owned a valuable tract of land which he cultivated until his death, July 10, 1897. His wife still resides upon the homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Wegener became the parents of eight children: Emma, who was born May 12, 1896, and who is a student in the Horicon high school; Elizabeth, born November 5, 1897, also at school in Horicon; George, who was born August 22, 1901; Charles and William, twins, whose births occurred February 3, 1904; Walter, who passed away at the age of three years; Mary, who died at the age of eighteen months; and Dorothy, whose birth occurred December 21, 1911. The family are members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Wegener gives his allegiance to the republican party and has served his fellow citizens in various offices, including those of supervisor and township clerk. He held the former position for two years, and the latter for six, doing able and conscientious work in both capacities. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Beavers and the Modern Woodmen of America at Juneau and is active in the affairs of the Horicon Lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is one of the representative business men of Minnesota Junction and has been

connected with the operation of his present enterprise for a number of years. He has been successful both as a farmer and a commission merchant and is well and favorably known in the district where he is recognized as a man of honorable and straightforward standards and unusual business intelligence.

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#### CARL WALTER SCHLAEBITZ.

Carl Walter Schlaebitz has lived in Beaver Dam for thirty-one years, having made this city his home upon his arrival in America from his native country, Germany. He is prominent in the general contracting business with which he became identified in 1896 and by insight, efficiency and sagacity has built up an enterprise along this line which makes him an important factor in business circles of the city. He was born July 16, 1854, in Calbe, Province of Saxony, Germany, a son of Carl and Johanna (Graefe) Schlaebitz, who lived and died in the fatherland.

Carl W. Schlaebitz is the fourth in a family of five children. He attended the public schools of his native country and lived at home until 1873 in which year his father passed away, his mother having died January 20, 1871. He remained in Germany until 1881, coming in that year to America and settling immediately in Beaver Dam. From 1881 to 1896 he worked at the carpenter's trade and in the latter year established himself in the general contracting business, the growth of which has made him one of the prosperous and prominent men of the city, its success being due to his able management.

On December 18, 1883, Mr. Schlaebitz was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Gallun, whose birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, October 4, 1841. Mrs. Schlaebitz was the youngest in a family of six children. She died in Beaver Dam, February 10, 1912, and is buried in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Schlaebitz votes the democratic ticket and has for many years been active in local affairs. For five years he served as alderman of the first ward and was reelected in the spring of 1912, for a term of two years. He does not hold membership in any religious organization but was reared in the German Lutheran church. He has invested his money judiciously, owning property on Hashel and Beaver streets and also a one hundred and sixty acre farm in North Dakota. His residence is located at No. 205 South Center street and he has won many friends in this city by reason of a life which in all of its aspects is useful, upright and worthy.

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#### EDWARD F. GUENTHER.

Edward F. Guenther is conducting a livery in Juneau and in five years has built up a flourishing and prosperous business and gained for himself an important place in the commercial life of the village. He was born in Lowell, Dodge county, February 28, 1876, a son of William F. and Amelia (Zinke) Guenther, natives of Saxony, Germany. The father came to America in the early

'40s, settling in Milwaukee, where he worked as a blacksmith for some time. Coming to Clyman township, he purchased land and operated his farm for a number of years and upon it resided until he came to Lowell township, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1896. He was well known in local political circles and for two years served as township treasurer, discharging his duties ably and efficiently. His wife survived him for two years, dying in 1898.

Edward Guenther is the youngest in a family of six children. He attended school in Lowell township and completed his studies in the Lowell village school. When he was twenty-one years of age he purchased land in his native section and began farming upon his property, improving and developing it for ten years. At the expiration of that time he disposed of his holdings and came to Juneau, where he engaged in the livery business, keeping fine horses and automobiles for this purpose. He is a stockholder in the auto truck factory at Juneau and prominent in various other local enterprises.

On January 5, 1898, Mr. Guenther was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Wirth, who was born in Hubbleton, Jefferson county, March 29, 1877, a daughter of Michael and Dorothy Albright (Luckow) Wirth, natives of Pomerania, Germany, who came to America in the early '50s, settling immediately in Jefferson county. Here the father followed the trade of carpenter for some time and later engaged in farming, purchasing tracts of land in different parts of the district and becoming an extensive property owner. He still resides on his farm in Hubbleton township. His wife who had been married previous to her union to Mr. Wirth, died in 1907. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Guenther is the youngest. Mr. and Mrs. Guenther have two children: Gladys Evelyn, born July 26, 1900; and Claude Gilbert, whose birth occurred on the 6th of October, 1907.

Mr. Guenther is a consistent democrat but has never sought public office. He belongs to the German Reformed church, and is active in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives most of his attention, however, to the conduct of his business and has met with well deserved success in this line, which he enjoys as a natural result of his well directed labors.

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#### HERMAN BILGRIEN.

Among the men who are shaping business and agricultural development in Dodge county is Herman Bilgrien, who since the beginning of his career has been connected with various industries in Hubbard township, his native section. Throughout the entire period his influence has been constantly upon the side of progress and advancement and at the present time his prosperity is regarded as a public resource. Mr. Bilgrien was born March 19, 1864, and is a son of John and Wilhelmina (Loppnow) Bilgrien, natives of Germany, both of whom have passed away.

Herman Bilgrien was educated in the public and German schools of Hubbard township and after laying aside his books worked for his father until after the latter's death, and during this time added to his activities the duties



connected with the operation of four large cheese factories. This interest he has carried forward into his later life and for a number of years has been connected with various concerns of a similar kind throughout Dodge county. For about eight years he has been in business in Iron Ridge, where he conducted a meat market and saloon, but has of late discontinued the meat market. For the last fifteen years he has been well known in insurance circles, doing a large business along this line. Aside from this, however, his interest centers in the operation of his farm and in stock-raising, to which he is giving special attention, making some valuable experiments in the feeding of hogs with a view to obtain statistics as to which foods give the best results. He is interested in breeding cattle and has fine herds of full-blooded Holsteins, some of which he ships and sells in the markets.

Mr. Bilgrien married November 6, 1890, Miss Elizabeth Indermuehle, whose birth occurred in Switzerland, November 30, 1867. Her father, Christian Indermuehle, died in his native country but her mother, who was in her maidenhood Miss Elizabeth Baersch, came to America and died in Woodland, Dodge county. Mr. and Mrs. Bilgrien became the parents of thirteen children, of whom Herbert, Mollie, Alma and Walter are deceased. Those living in 1912 are: Lillie, who is twenty years of age; Harry, nineteen; Armin, seventeen; Hilda, sixteen; John, fourteen; Lizzie, thirteen; Cora, eight; Marcella, six; and Herman, four. The family are members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Bilgrien is in sympathy with the principles of the democratic party and has been honored by election to public office by the people of his county and has discharged his official duties with fidelity and promptness. For one term he was township treasurer, for two years afterward served as treasurer of Dodge county, and at the present time is acting as chairman of the board of Hubbard township. He is a member of the Farmer's Union, of which he acts as shipper at Iron Ridge. He has never hesitated to assert his rights when he felt that a question of justice was involved and has appeared before the circuit and supreme courts in important cases involving large milk dealers. He keeps well informed upon the general events of the day and has always been alive to the progress of the county in which he was born and in which his deepest interest is centered. He is easily among the leaders in anything he desires to undertake, for men of his class influence the progress and advancement of any community.

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#### WILLIAM FREDRICK.

William Fredrick, conducting a retail hardware store in Iron Ridge, was born in Hubbard township, July 5, 1886, a son of Gustav and Gusta (Klemp) Fredrick, natives of Germany. His father came to America with his parents when he was only two years of age and grew to manhood upon a farm in Hubbard township. Later he became an extensive property owner and a prosperous farmer, following agricultural pursuits in this section until 1903, when he moved to Iron Ridge where he is now living retired. He and his wife have two children: Minnie, who married Otto Boeder, a farmer of Hubbard township; and William, the subject of this review.

After completing his education in the public and German schools at Iron Mountain, William Fredrick aided his father in the work of the farm until he was twenty years of age and then went to Iron Ridge, where he established himself in the retail hardware business and has retained his connection with this line since that time. He carries a modern stock, complete in all its lines and his business ability and progressive methods have brought him a large patronage, which has increased steadily year by year, as the quality of his goods and his upright business methods have become more widely known. He has recently added a plumbing department and gives much of his time to this branch of his business, doing general plumbing and specializing in the installation of heating plants. He keeps in touch with modern business conditions as they affect his line of work by retaining an active connection with the Wisconsin Retail Hardware Association, in which body he is prominent and well known. He gives his allegiance to no particular party, preferring to keep independent. He is a member of the Lutheran church. Still too young to have accomplished a decided success, he has founded a business which he conducts along lines of expansion, making it one of the flourishing commercial enterprises in the village and has acquired a position in business circles which is a fair indication of future attainment.

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#### ENOCH P. WEBB, M. D.

Dr. Enoch P. Webb has been practicing medicine in Beaver Dam since 1897 with gratifying and well deserved success. He was born on February 4, 1871, in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. His parents were William and Hephzibah (Palmer) Webb, the former a native of Genesee county, New York, and the latter of New Brunswick. The father was born February 24, 1819, and settled in Adams county, Wisconsin, where he remained for several years before he went to Fond du Lac county. He had been a school teacher in Canada for eight years prior to his removal west but abandoned that line of occupation in order to engage in the mercantile business which was a profitable source of income to him for twenty-five years. In 1889 he bought land in Beaver Dam in the outskirts of the town. He was a republican in his political views and served for several years as town clerk. He died on March 10, 1904. His wife is still living and makes her home with her son, Enoch P. Webb.

Dr. Webb was educated in the public schools and was graduated from Wayland Academy in 1892. He received his medical instruction in Rush Medical College in Chicago, obtaining his degree in 1897. He located immediately for practice in Beaver Dam, establishing his office here on June 1, 1897. He has met with increasing and gratifying success and has built up a large and growing practice. He is thoroughly and efficiently equipped in all the modern developments of the medical science and is an able physician.

On the 18th of May, 1904, Dr. Webb was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Palmer, whose birth occurred on the 11th of March, 1880. She is a daughter of Edwin C. Palmer.

Dr. Webb is independent in politics. He served from 1898 to 1899 as city physician and did able and constructive work in this capacity. He is interested in the cause of education and was school commissioner for two years. He affiliates with the Baptist church. His practice is carried on carefully and scientifically and is increasing every year. He keeps in touch with developments and discoveries in the world of medical science and interchanges thoughts and ideas along these subjects with his colleagues as member of the Dodge County and Wisconsin Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. Dr. Webb is a physician of the present-day school, conscientious and thoroughly conversant with the many intricate details connected with his profession.

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#### WILLIAM KRUEGER.

William Krueger is living retired in his pleasant home in Iron Ridge after an active and useful life spent in farming. For thirty-six years he developed and cultivated a fine tract of one hundred and sixty acres, operating and improving this property along progressive lines, making it one of the valuable farms in the district. The land is now owned by his son, who is carrying on the work of development, William Krueger retaining only forty acres of the homestead. He is a native of Dodge county, born in Lebanon township, May 7, 1859, a son of Fred and Paulina (Gentz) Krueger, natives of Germany, where the father was born on the 28th of April, 1827, and the mother, January 9, 1829. Fred Krueger came to America about 1850, settling immediately in Watertown, where he followed his trade of wagon-maker for more than two years. Afterward he purchased land in Lebanon township and began its improvement and development. By hard work, and well directed ambition, he made this property one of the most highly developed in the district and still resides upon it. He and his wife are both active and hearty and have many friends in Lebanon township where they have resided for over fifty years. In his younger days Fred Krueger took an active part in local politics and held various public offices, serving with ability and efficiency in the interests of his fellow citizens.

William Krueger is the second in a family of seven children. After completing his education in the district and German schools of Lebanon township he aided his father in the work of the farm until he was twenty-three years of age. Thus he became at an early period acquainted by personal experience with the best methods of tilling the soil and the most modern ideas and standards of operation. When he was twenty-three years old he purchased a farm two miles east of Iron Ridge and began the cultivation of one hundred and sixty acres of fertile land. He soon brought his property to an excellent condition and remained upon it until 1909, when he sold one hundred and twenty acres to his son, retaining for himself forty acres of the homestead. He moved to Iron Ridge and purchased a comfortable home in which he is now living retired. He has many friends in Iron Ridge who respect and esteem him for the honorable and upright business policies which he has always advocated and for his worth and character.

On February 11, 1883, Mr. Krueger was united in marriage to Mrs. Louisa Boeder, who was born in Mayville, March 3, 1860, a daughter of Michael Albrecht, and the widow of Frank Boeder, of Herman township. Her father was a native of Germany and came to Wisconsin in his early life, settling in Mayville. For some time he worked as a blacksmith but later purchased land, upon which he carried on farming until his death. His wife has also passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Krueger have been born four children: Edwin, deceased; Arthur, who resides on the homestead, and who married Miss Martha Westfall, of Herman township; William, who is a photographer in Hustisford; and Edna, who is attending school. Mrs. Krueger, by her former marriage had one son, Robert, who is farming in Herman township.

In his political views Mr. Krueger is independent of party lines, voting for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position. He is actively interested in the affairs of his section, but has never sought public office. He is one of the native sons of Dodge county, whose career is a credit to the community. In the many years of his residence here he has witnessed the changes and the evolution which almost forty years have made in his district and he himself by well directed labors has been a force for good in promoting development. He has been a capable, enterprising and progressive agriculturist and is now living retired in Iron Ridge. With him retirement has meant only a slackening of the most arduous duties of life without lessening the breadth of his interests, or the alertness and activity of his mind.

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#### JOSEPH N. HINKES.

Joseph N. Hinkes is proprietor of the Milwaukee Hotel in Beaver Dam and is well known in local business and political circles. He is a native son of Dodge county, having been born in Leroy, on the 17th of March, 1871, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Heins) Hinkes, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1846, settling in Chicago. Here they remained until 1852, in which year they came to Leroy, where they now reside.

Joseph N. Hinkes was the sixth in a family of ten children. He received his education in the public and parochial schools of his native city and remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. When he had attained his majority he went to Lomira township where he purchased sixty-five acres of land which he operated and developed for seven years, selling it in 1899 and buying one hundred and twenty acres in Marathon county. Upon this property he lived for six months disposing of the farm at the end of that time in order to go to Knowles, where he established himself in the saloon business. After two years he went to Minnesota Junction where he conducted a similar enterprise for five years after which he went to Juneau. Here for one and one-half years he ran a saloon but abandoned this and since that time has been proprietor and manager of the Milwaukee Hotel in Beaver Dam. He has built up a prosperous business by constant attention to its management and consideration of the comforts and conveniences of his guests. He has gained success by earnest and well directed labor and is ranked among the enterprising business men of Beaver Dam.

On September 8, 1892, Mr. Hinkes was united in marriage to Miss Clara Heimerl, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Waas) Heimerl. She was the second in a family of twelve children and was born in Lomira, April 15, 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkes have six children: Paula, the wife of Fay Ellis, who is engaged in farming in Westford, and by whom she has one child; Rose, Alvin, Joseph, and George, all of whom reside at home; and Gilbert. All the children received their education in the public schools of Dodge county. The family belongs to St. Peter's Roman Catholic church.

In his political views Mr. Hinkes is consistently democratic and has always been active in local affairs. He was treasurer of the town of Leroy in 1904 and in 1910 was a candidate for the office of sheriff of Dodge county but was defeated by a small majority. He is now running for the same office and received the nomination in the primaries of September 3, 1912, which makes him practically sure of election. He has always maintained in his political life the same high standards of honor and integrity which have made his business career successful.

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#### JOHN BODDEN.

John Bodden, treasurer of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company, is prominent in political and business circles of Horicon, where he has resided for over twenty-five years. He was born in Theresa, October 16, 1862, a son of Jacob and Gertrude (Schiefer) Bodden, natives of Germany, born near Cologne. They came to Dodge county in 1849 and in this section their marriage occurred. Later the father took up government land, clearing a large tract in the northwest corner of Washington county, but finding that a part of this property belonged to another claim he abandoned his farm and went to Theresa where he cleared another tract of land and resided upon it until his death in February, 1889. He was prominent in local business affairs and held various important political offices, including those of state representative, county treasurer, sheriff, and chairman of the board of supervisors. His wife is living in Oshkosh, where she makes her home with a daughter.

John Bodden attended the public schools of Theresa and later took a course in the Spencerian Business College at Milwaukee. At the age of sixteen he began earning his own livelihood, working as a clerk in a mercantile store in Juneau where he remained for seven years, doing such able and systematic work that he was finally offered a partnership. In this capacity he engaged in the general merchandising business for two years and then came to Horicon where he became identified with the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company as assistant bookkeeper. His promotion was rapid and after a few years he was given charge of the bookkeeping department and was then advanced to the position of sales manager, directing in connection with this the collection department. In 1908 he was made treasurer of the company, in which capacity he is still serving. He is well known in the affairs of other important commercial enterprises in Horicon, including the Bodden Brothers Lumber Company, of which he is president.

On October 23, 1890, Mr. Bodden was united in marriage to Miss Jessie L. Stacks, who was born in Randolph, Columbia county, June 28, 1866, a daughter of John J. and Lydia L. (Simpson) Stacks, the former a native of Brandon, Vermont, born May 18, 1839, and the latter of Columbia county, New York, born September 28, 1845. The father became a grain dealer in his early life and followed that occupation until 1850 when he came west and located in Herman township. After some time he went to Iron Ridge, where for several years he worked at various occupations, going to Randolph eventually. In that city he obtained a position in an elevator owned by Mr. Foster and was later taken into partnership with his employer. After seven years he returned to Iron Ridge and there engaged in the grain business until he came to Horicon, where his death occurred December 20, 1896. His widow makes her home with the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Stacks had two children: Jessie L., the wife of our subject; and Warren, who is in the grain business in Milwaukee. Mr. and Mrs. Bodden have one daughter, Mildred M., who was born January 1, 1894, and who lives at home.

Mr. Bodden gives his allegiance to the democratic party and is prominent in local affairs. He has recently resigned after fifteen years' service as chief of the Horicon volunteer fire department and has served in various public capacities, including those of alderman and supervisor. For two terms he was mayor of the village and did much constructive and beneficial work during his administration. He is a prominent figure in the affairs of a growing industrial institution. He has an important place in business circles of Horicon and he fills it ably and with evident success.

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#### GEORGE BAUER.

George Bauer is a native of Dodge county and a son of one of its earliest pioneers. He is at the present time one of the most progressive, enterprising and successful farmers in Trenton township where he has operated an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 29, for over twenty years. He was born November 19, 1855, in Beaver Dam and is a son of Mathias and Catherine (Robock) Bauer, natives of Bavaria, Germany, who came to America in 1853 and settled in Beaver Dam where they resided for two years. Later the father bought forty acres of land near Leipsic, and cultivated and improved his property until 1860, when he sold it and moved to Calamus township where he bought one hundred and twenty acres of raw land which he improved and developed into an excellent farm. Upon this the family resided until 1870 when they sold the property and bought eighty acres in Beaver Dam township, upon which the father died in 1879. He was survived by his wife until 1901 and both are buried in St. Peter's cemetery at Beaver Dam.

George Bauer was the seventh in a family of fifteen children. His early childhood was spent upon his father's farm and as a boy he became well acquainted with the best methods of tilling and cultivating the soil. After his father died he remained with his mother until 1890 when he purchased the property upon which he now resides. He does general farming and stock-



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raising and has every acre of his land under cultivation. He breeds graded Holstein cattle, Poland China hogs, and Percheron horses which he feeds with the hay and grain raised upon his property. Two fine barns supply shelter for all his stock, one thirty-two feet by thirty-six, was remodeled in 1898 and the other is entirely new. It has cement floors, patent stanchions and is equipped with all modern accessories. Mr. Bauer's dairy forms an important branch of his enterprise and for this reason he keeps eighteen high-grade milch cows. He manages the farm in an expert way, supplementing his agricultural skill by business ability of a high order, his methods being based upon the strictest principles of integrity and he well deserves the position he has gained among the representative citizens of Dodge county.

In 1886 Mr. Bauer was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Rack, of Westford township, a daughter of John and Josephine Rack. She was the fourth in a family of six children and was born on March 16, 1867. She passed away on the 11th of March, 1897, and is buried in St. Peter's cemetery. To this union were born seven children: Mary, who married Paul Warmke, of Freeseland, Columbia county, by whom she has two children; Tillie, who teaches school; Henry, who lives at home; Francis, who is also with his parents; Edward, who died in childhood; and Minnie and Augusta, both of whom live at home. In 1899 Mr. Bauer was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Rack, a sister of his former wife and by her he has two children, Arthur A. and Leonard J. The family are members of St. Mary's Catholic church of Fox Lake.

Mr. Bauer gives his allegiance to the democratic party and is serving as chairman of the town board. For four years he held the office of township treasurer and for the past fifteen years that of school clerk in which capacity he is serving at the present time. He has been identified with agriculture in this section for almost a quarter of a century and during that time his activities have been along progressive lines, promoting his success and prosperity.

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#### CLARK W. VOORUS, M. D.

Dr. Clark W. Voorus is one of the successful and prosperous physicians of Beaver Dam and his history has been identified with the early days of the development of this section of the country. He was born in Manlius, Onondaga county, New York, on the 7th of April, 1851, and is a son of Hiram and Rocena (Larrabee) Voorus. He is of German ancestry. Hiram Voorus settled in 1854, in Scott, Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, and removed to Dodge county in 1862. He was a farmer and successful in the cultivation of the soil until his death at the age of forty-two years. He and his wife were the parents of four children: Clark W., the subject of this sketch; Josephine, now Mrs. Carmichael, of Fond du Lac county; Loretta, now Mrs. Reynolds, who resides in British Columbia; and Clara, of Byron township.

Dr. Voorus was educated in the public schools of Scott, Sheboygan county. He was a student in the Leroy public schools for some time and received his medical degree from Rush Medical College, Chicago, graduating in 1877. He later took a post-graduate course in special studies, completing his education in



1885. He located in Dodge county in 1877 and for ten years was widely known in that section as an efficient physician. In 1887 he came to Beaver Dam where he is carrying on the general practice of medicine with much success. His prosperity has increased yearly and is founded upon systematic and scientific methods.

In 1877, Dr. Voorus was united in marriage to Miss Emma Cowles, and to this marriage two children were born. The elder is Elda A., who is a graduate of the Beaver Dam high school and later married Arthur Spencer, now deceased, by whom she has one child, Gilbert, now in the eighth year of his age. The other is Leo O., who was educated in the public schools of Beaver Dam and attended high school in that city. He later attended St. John's Military Academy. Subsequently he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons and was graduated therefrom with the degree of M. D. in 1911. He spent one year and a half as an interne in St. Joseph's Hospital and is now located in Beaver Dam and practicing with his father. He married August 4, 1912, Miss Amanda Wille of Milwaukee. Mrs. Clark W. Voorus is a charming and hospitable woman and well able, by her social talents and accomplishments, to aid her husband in his professional life. Her father, Martin Cowles, came from Rhode Island to Leroy, Dodge county, at an early date and died in that city.

In his political views Dr. Voorus is a consistent republican and a firm believer in the party and its principles. He belongs to the Methodist church and is active in the affairs of that organization. He has been identified with the Masonic order for forty years but beyond this has no affiliations outside of his connection with professional organizations. He belongs to the American Medical Association and to the Wisconsin State and Dodge County Medical Societies. He is a loyal son of Rush Medical College and keeps up his connection with its affairs by his activities in the alumni. He has always been interested in educational affairs, and as superintendent of schools of Beaver Dam, a position which he held for five years, he did efficient and capable work. He is one of the widely known and popular physicians in his section of the country. His residence in Wisconsin dates from the early times of its pioneer settlement. He can remember walking four miles to see the first threshing machine ever operated in connection with a fanning mill, and when his parents first settled in the county there was not another horse in the township where they located, all the work being done by ox teams. Every year of his residence in this section has brought Dr. Voorus increasing success and popularity. His professional practice is continually growing and the efficiency of his methods entitle him to a high and honorable place among his colleagues.

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#### HENRY GLANDER.

Henry Glander, owner of one of the best improved farms in Hubbard township, is a worthy native son of Dodge county and has long been numbered among its most substantial agriculturists and highly esteemed citizens. He was born on his father's homestead in Hubbard township, the date of his birth being March 23, 1863. His parents, Christian and Frederika (Pagel) Glander, were natives of

Germany. The father was born in that country, March 15, 1823, and came to America in 1858. Both passed away in this county.

Henry Glander was reared at home and aided in the work of the farm until his marriage in 1891, when he obtained from his father the property which he now operates. It is a fine tract of productive land and is highly improved in every particular, much of this work having been accomplished by Mr. Glander, who erected a fine barn and other outbuildings and remodeled the residence, installing complete equipment for hot water heating. The soil, which is naturally fertile, yields abundant harvests and these prove a gratifying source of revenue to him, while his good business ability and close application have gained for him rank among the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of the section.

Mr. Glander married in 1891 Miss Rosetta Meyer, who was born in New Cassel, Wisconsin, August 6, 1865, a daughter of Benedick and Sophia (Bosin) Meyer, natives of Germany. Her father was born March 19, 1822, and came to America in the early days, dying in Wisconsin. He is survived by his widow, who was born in Germany, October 5, 1833. Mr. and Mrs. Glander have three children: Marcella, who was born April 7, 1892; Edna, whose birth occurred September 17, 1893; and Meta, who was born May 12, 1895. Mr. Glander supports the democratic party, being a firm believer in the principles and policies for which it stands. He belongs to the Lutheran church and is known as a man of exemplary character. That many of his closest friends are numbered among those who know him from boyhood is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright life and that he is well worthy of the esteem in which he is uniformly held.

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#### C. HUSTING.

O. C. Husting is secretary of the Beaver Dam City Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which he founded and organized, and has been identified with its affairs since 1905. He is a native son of Wisconsin, having been born in Fond du Lac, November 12, 1864, a son of John P. and Mary (Juneau) Husting, the former a native of Luxemburg, Germany, and the latter of Milwaukee. Their marriage occurred in Theresa in 1862 and immediately afterward they located in Fond du Lac, moving from that city to Mayville in 1876. They are now residing in the latter city.

O. C. Husting received his early education in the German-English Academy at Fond du Lac and completed his studies in the public schools of Mayville. At the age of seventeen he laid aside his books and clerked in various mercantile establishments in Mayville for five years, abandoning this line of activity in order to go to Milwaukee, where he accepted a position in the stock department of a wholesale house. He advanced rapidly and was soon sent upon the road as a traveling salesman, working in this capacity for six years. In 1897 he moved to Theresa and established himself in the general mercantile business, conducting a store for eight years. His residence in Beaver Dam dates from 1905, in which year he organized the Beaver Dam City Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with which he is connected as secretary.

On December 18, 1896, Mr. Husting was united in marriage to Miss Abbie Costello, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Costello, of Columbus, Nebraska. Mrs. Husting is one in a family of eight children and was born on a farm near Elgin, Illinois, on January 11, 1866.

Politically Mr. Husting gives his allegiance to the democratic party and is well known in local affairs. He was appointed to the position of city clerk of Beaver Dam to fill an unexpired term and reelected to a full term but resigned on account of other business interests. He also was made a member of the police and fire commission by Mayor Merlach in recognition of his able and conscientious services. Fraternally Mr. Husting is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is secretary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and well known in the affairs of the Beaver Reserve Fund Fraternity. He maintains in both his business and his political life high standards of honor and integrity and these have made his insurance enterprise prosperous and his public career more honorable and worthy.

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#### FREDERICK SETTE.

Frederick Sette of Iron Ridge is proprietor of several cheese factories in Herman township. His able conduct of this enterprise make him a power in business circles of his section, while his capable discharge of his duties as postmaster of Iron Ridge gives him prominence in a more public way. He was born in Clyman township, April 7, 1858, a son of Martin and Carolina (Meyer) Sette, natives of Brandenburg, Germany, who came to America in the early '40s and settled in Clyman township, where the father purchased land and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in April, 1904. His wife survived him until May, 1911.

Frederick Sette received his early education in the public schools of his native section and later attended the Northwestern University at Watertown. At the age of eighteen he worked as a farm hand during the summer months but still continued his studies in the winter. When he had finally completed his education he obtained a position, selling machinery and pianos and organs, until his marriage in 1880. Afterward he moved to Racine and there for five years worked as a painter and paper hanger before he moved to Woodland, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick cheese. He still operates this factory, making only the well known Badger brand of cheese, which finds a ready sale in all states of the Union. November, 1901, he moved to Iron Ridge, where he operated a general store for three years and then disposed of his interest in this business in order to establish himself as a hardware merchant. After three years he was appointed postmaster, assuming office April 10, 1907, and is still serving, discharging his duties ably and conscientiously.

On January 30, 1880, Mr. Sette was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Hein, who was born in Herman township, March 11, 1860, a daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Herker) Hein, natives of the Rhine province, Prussia, who came to America in 1849 and located in Herman township on a farm near Iron Ridge. This property they later sold and moved into Woodland, where the

father passed away in 1875. The mother survives and lives in Milwaukee. Mr. and Mrs. Sette are the parents of four children. Edward, born April 3, 1881, was married in Old Mexico, his wife being of Spanish descent. He is now engaged in the automobile business in Douglas, Arizona. Sophia Mary, born March 5, 1884, is engaged in the millinery business in Kenosha. Frances, born December 10, 1889, was formerly engaged in teaching school and is now residing with her sister, Sophia Mary. Frederick E., the youngest member of the family, was born January 30, 1895, and is a student in the high school at Horicon.

Mr. Sette gives his allegiance to the republican party and is well known in local affairs. He served as justice of the peace for many years and is at the present time notary public and postmaster. He is one of Dodge county's most enterprising and successful native sons and has gained distinct and substantial prosperity by practical business methods and an integrity which is beyond all question.

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#### RUDOLF KRAUT.

Since Rudolf Kraut was twenty-six years of age he has been closely connected with agricultural interests in Dodge county and for a number of years has been carrying on general farming and dairying upon one hundred and fifty acres of land near Woodland. He was born in Lebanon township, March 22, 1854, and is a son of Christ and Gusta (Kulike) Kraut, natives of Germany. The father came to America in the early '50s and died in Lebanon township, Dodge county. Christ Kraut after coming to America worked for others for a time but later purchased forty acres of land in Lebanon township which he owned at the time of his death. The mother of our subject resides in Hustisford township.

Rudolf Kraut attended the German schools in Hustisford township and after he had completed his education aided his father upon the home farm until he was twenty-six years of age. At that time he began his independent career, renting a tract of land which he operated for one year. He carried on general agricultural pursuits for eight years on another rented farm and for twelve years on still another property. At the end of that time he moved to another tract of land but after four years, in 1904, bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, upon which he has since resided. One hundred and twenty acres of this are under cultivation and thirty acres is marsh and timber land. Mr. Kraut has made extensive improvements in his farm buildings and intends to erect a fine new silo in the near future. Everything on his place is in excellent condition and shows the result of care and attention.

On October 16, 1879, Mr. Kraut was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Lindert, a native of Germany and a daughter of John and Augusta (Rehse) Lindert. The father was born in Germany, October 10, 1823, and died in Hubbard township, Dodge county, July 10, 1892. The mother's birth occurred also in the fatherland, her natal day being July 21, 1820. She is still living and resides with her son in Hubbard township. Mr. and Mrs. Kraut have six children: Martha, who was born April 29, 1882, and who married Felix Roesler.

of Hustisford township; Frank, who was born March 7, 1884; Francis, born January 15, 1886; Henry, whose birth occurred January 29, 1888; Walter, who was born August 27, 1892; and Minnie, born November 11, 1894. The family are members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Kraut gives his allegiance to the democratic party but is not active politically, his entire attention being absorbed in the conduct of his farm. His labors have done much to raise agricultural standards and to promote the spread of progressive methods of farm operation and his success is well merited, for he is capable in management and displays untiring industry in carrying forward his interests.

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#### AUGUST D. VOLKMAN.

August D. Volkman is engaged in the furniture, undertaking and automobile business in Iron Ridge and has for three years given his attention entirely to its conduct. In a short time he has built up a flourishing patronage, basing his prosperity upon progressive methods and honorable standards. He is a native son of Dodge county, born in Hubbard township, August 27, 1867, a son of William and Albertina (Genz) Volkman, natives of Germany, the former born August 9, 1838, and the latter on the 25th of March, 1841. The father came to America with his parents when he was a child of eight years and with them settled in Watertown, where he grew to maturity. His wife also came to America at an early date, settling in Wisconsin with her parents when she was ten years of age. In this state their marriage occurred and soon afterward they moved to Herman township and from there two years later to Hubbard township. In that section they are still residing, the father devoting his time to farming. In their family were five children: William, who is serving as sheriff of Dodge county; August D., of this review; Edward B., who is engaged in the real-estate business at Watertown; Albert, who is farming in Herman township; and Albertina, the wife of George Hennig, a farmer of Herman township.

August D. Volkman attended school at Brown's Corners, Hubbard township, and later was a student in the German schools in Herman township. He remained at home until 1891, in which year he purchased from his father one hundred and twenty acres of land in Hubbard township, to which he later added forty acres, and upon this property he resided until 1909, when he disposed of his holdings and moved to Iron Ridge, where he established himself in the furniture, undertaking and automobile business, an enterprise which has steadily expanded since that time. He keeps a modern and complete stock of house furnishings, never allowing his lines to become broken or out of date, and his extensive patronage attests his success. The automobile department is a business in itself and has reached gratifying proportions. The entire establishment is a thoroughly modern enterprise operated by a true business man and it shows the result of the energy and efficiency of its owner in increasing trade.

On April 29, 1894, Mr. Volkman was united in marriage to Miss Emma Weiss, who was born in Herman township, August 25, 1870, a daughter of

William and Albertina (Moesenberg) Weiss, natives of Germany, where the father served his term in the regular army before coming to America and settling in Dodge county among its early settlers. After his arrival in the United States William Weiss followed the shoemaking trade for a number of years and later operated a farm. He is now living retired in Juneau, his wife having passed away in November, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Volkman have four children: Irwin W., born February 4, 1895; Clarence G., born March 24, 1901; Inez, born November 17, 1905; and Eugene, born April 18, 1912.

In his political views Mr. Volkman is a consistent democrat and is now serving his second year as township treasurer. For eight years he was supervisor and for three years chairman of his township and served with ability and efficiency for fifteen years as school treasurer, bringing to the discharge of his official duties a conscientiousness and sense of responsibility which made him an able and effective public servant. He is a true type of the modern business man, shrewd and keen, with a discriminating knowledge of values and the ability to put that knowledge to practical use. His methods are progressive and effective, but his standards are the old ones of honesty, straightforward dealing and hard work.

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#### WILLIAM ROBERTS.

William Roberts owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred and fifty acres, nearly all of which is within the limits of Iron Ridge, and he devotes his entire time to its management and development. By progressive methods and well directed energy he has gained success as an agriculturist and has one of the most productive tracts of land in Dodge county. He has many claims to recognition as a man whose activities have been effective for good and whose present career is useful and worthy. He is one of the early settlers in this section and has witnessed much of its growth and development. He served with distinction during the Civil war and is at the present time one of the prosperous, enterprising and representative farmers of Dodge county. He was born in Utica, Oneida county, New York, October 18, 1843, a son of Vincent and Tryphena (Jones) Roberts, the former of whom was born in Wales, March 10, 1818, and the latter in Oneida county, New York, February 3, 1822. The father came to America with his parents in 1828 and settled immediately in Oneida county, where he grew to manhood. He worked upon neighboring farms until his marriage and afterward engaged in the restaurant business until 1845, when he and his family came west and settled on a farm in Emmet township. After two years this property was sold and they moved to the vicinity of Iron Ridge, where the father bought land which is now operated by the subject of this review. It was a tract of raw land and had to be cleared of brush and timber before the work of cultivation could be begun. Upon this Vincent Roberts lived, developing the property and bringing it to a high state of cultivation before his death, which occurred on the 5th of October, 1888. His wife died June 9, 1887. The father was well known not only as a farmer but also as a private banker, in which line of activity he did a flourishing business for some time.

He was prominent in local republican politics and served as justice of the peace for a number of years. He and his wife were the parents of ten children: William, of this review; John, who when last heard of, in 1893, was residing in the west; Vincent, who resides with the subject of this review; David, who is engaged in the real-estate business in West Allis, Wisconsin, and who is serving as city treasurer; George W., of Hortonville, who is a traveling salesman, representing the Robert Elliott Company, commission merchants of Milwaukee; A. C., who makes his home with his brother William; R. W., deceased, who was a prominent banker in Milwaukee and the owner of three banks in northern Wisconsin; Lydia Ann, the wife of James Wiggins, formerly engaged in farming near Rubicon, and now residents of Hartford, Wisconsin; Mary, the widow of L. E. Wheeler, formerly a potato buyer, residing in Randolph township, Dodge county; and Lovina Lutina, the wife of Bert Day, a real-estate dealer of Fond du Lac.

William Roberts attended school in Emmet township and later in Iron Ridge. When he was eighteen years of age he went to Jacksonville, Illinois, and there for one season worked as a farm hand. Returning home, he resumed his interrupted studies but afterward again went to Jacksonville, where he obtained a position as attendant in the Insane Asylum. In the following year he returned to his birthplace, Utica, New York, and while on a visit there enlisted in the Federal army, joining Company E, Fourteenth New York Heavy Artillery, on October 10, 1863, and served under Captain Flagg, of Janesville, Wisconsin, until the end of the war. He was present at most of the important engagements during his term of service and never missed a day's duty. He received no disabling wounds and was never taken prisoner nor confined in a hospital. At the close of hostilities he was mustered out and immediately returned to Dodge county, where he remained for a short time upon a farm. Afterward he accepted a position as brakeman on the northern division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad and retained this connection for two years, at the end of which time he returned to the farm and for some years assisted his father. Later he conducted a grain elevator and lumberyard in Iron Ridge but abandoned the operation of this enterprise upon his father's death, when he assumed charge of the homestead and has developed it since that time. The improvements which he has made upon his property and the new and progressive standards to which he has steadily adhered have made it one of the model agricultural enterprises in this section of the county and have gained him recognition as an enterprising and successful agriculturist.

In October, 1867, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage to Miss Mary Brown, who was born in Emmet township, a daughter of Lemuel and Lydia (Ferguson) Brown, natives of New York state, who came to Wisconsin in the early '40s and settled upon a farm in Emmet township. Later they moved to Missouri, where both died some time afterward. Mrs. Roberts is the eldest in a family of four children. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are the parents of a daughter, Clara Belle, who lives with her parents. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Roberts gives his allegiance to the republican party and has served as deputy sheriff and as agent for the Wisconsin Humane Society, in Dodge county. He is prominent in the affairs of the Masonic order, holding membership in the lodge at Neosho. However, he gives practically his entire time and attention

to the development of his farm along systematic and progressive lines. He has made substantial improvements upon his place and has added greatly to its value by keeping it modern in its equipment and up-to-date in its various departments. An able and enterprising business man, his keen sagacity and industry constitute the basis of his distinct and substantial prosperity.

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STEPHEN N. CAMPBELL.

Stephen N. Campbell, son of James Campbell and Elizabeth (Gould) Campbell, was born in Toronto, Canada, December 18, 1839, and was but a little lad when his father died. He pursued his education in the schools of his native country but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited for when but eleven or twelve years of age he began providing for his own support. He was employed by his elder brothers and worked in other connections and at all times manifested the industry and diligence which characterized him throughout his entire life. A removal was made at an early day to the vicinity of Milwaukee where land was entered from the government, but becoming ill the brothers left that district and gave up their land. Stephen N. Campbell afterward went to Berlin, Wisconsin, where he was connected with his brothers in the marble business. He later went to Fond du Lac, where he carried on a similar enterprise until 1880. In that year he removed to Horicon and became interested in the Van Brunt factory, being elected vice president of the company, in which capacity he continued until his death on the 3d of April, 1906. Throughout the intervening period of more than a quarter of a century his undivided time and attention were given to the Van Brunt interests, which are mentioned at length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Willard A. Van Brunt. He was systematic and methodical in all that he undertook, resolute and determined in what he accomplished and possessed of enterprising spirit which brooked no obstacles that could be overcome by persistent labor and careful management.

It was on the 15th of January, 1880, that Mr. Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Van Brunt, who was born at Mayville, Wisconsin, and is a daughter of Daniel C. and Mary (Wright) Van Brunt. To Mr. and Mrs. Campbell has been born one son, Willard Van Brunt, whose birth occurred May 2, 1881. He was married June 28, 1905, to Minnie M. Warren, who was born at Waupun, Wisconsin, December 5, 1880. He has for several years been engaged in the automobile business in Minneapolis but has recently sold out and removed to Medford, Oregon, where he owns a large fruit ranch, to the further development of which he devotes his energies.

Mr. Campbell was a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belonged at one time to the Elks lodge at Fond du Lac but withdrew from that organization. His widow is a member of the Eastern Star at Beaver Dam and is also connected with the Daughters of the American Revolution at Milwaukee. The religious faith of Mr. Campbell was that of the Episcopal church, to the teachings of which he was ever loyal and devoted. His political views accorded with the principles of the democratic



party and that he was a prominent and influential citizen is indicated by the fact that he served several terms as mayor of Horicon. Businesslike qualities characterized his administration, which was at all times actuated by a spirit of devotion to the public good. The residence which Mrs. Campbell now occupies was in course of construction at the time of her husband's death. His business record was one of intense activity in which was accorded due recognition of labor. He could look beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities of the future and he was above all practical, so that his labors were resultant. It was not alone because of his business ability, however, that Mr. Campbell was greatly respected by his fellow townsmen. He manifested qualities of public-spirited citizenship and at all times he held friendship inviolable. His sterling traits as a man and citizen commended him to the good-will and warm regard of all with whom he was associated.

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#### WILLIAM BOHNENSTENGEL.

Germany has given to America many of her upright, sturdy and enterprising sons, who have brought to the new world the best of their national characteristics to the attainment of honorable achievements. Wisconsin is fortunate in numbering among her sons many men of German birth and parentage, among whom may be mentioned William Bohnenstengel, who cultivates an excellent farm of one hundred and forty acres near Iron Ridge and who for many years has been closely connected with agricultural interests in that section. He was born in Pomerania, Germany, August 15, 1864, and is a son of Frederick and Henrietta (Sauk) Bohnenstengel, both natives of the fatherland. Frederick Bohnenstengel was born in Pomerania in May, 1815, where he died February 13, 1872. His wife was born on the 9th of January, 1827, and her death occurred in Germany, January 10, 1872.

William Bohnenstengel began his active life when he was fourteen years of age. He completed his education in the public schools of his native country and then worked as a farm hand until the age of seventeen. At that time he crossed the Atlantic to America and settled at Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, where for a short time he worked in the iron mines. Determining, however, to follow agricultural pursuits, he rented a farm and after five years purchased one hundred and forty acres in the vicinity, upon which he has since resided. Twenty-five acres are lowland but the rest of the farm is rich and productive and yields abundant harvests every year. This property is highly improved, being provided not only with an excellent residence but also with a fine new barn forty feet wide by ninety-six feet long and all the machinery which are used in farming by modern methods. Mr. Bohnenstengel engages in general farming but gives special attention to the conduct of his dairy, which is kept clean and sanitary in every particular. He is well known throughout the county and his straightforward business methods and enterprising spirit have gained him respect.

On March 15, 1886, Mr. Bohnenstengel married Miss Recke Zietlow, who was born in Pomerania, Germany, January 13, 1862. She is a daughter of John

and Recke (Froelich) Zietlow, both of whom were born in Germany and died in America. Mr. and Mrs. Bohnenstengel have three children: William, Jr., who was born December 25, 1887; Otto, born April 13, 1892; and Martha, born January 9, 1894. All the children live at home. The family are devout adherents of the German Lutheran church.

Mr. Bohnenstengel gives his allegiance to the republican party. There are few citizens in Dodge county more widely and favorably known, for his enterprising and progressive spirit has made him successful in business and his many sterling qualities of mind and character have gained him the warm and lasting regard of those with whom he has been brought into contact.

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#### HARRY B. SEARS, M. D.

Dr. Harry B. Sears, a well known medical practitioner of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, was born on March 6, 1858, in Byron, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and is a son of Harry A. and Adelia D. (Palmer) Sears. The paternal grandfather, Harry Sears, married Miss Almira Gardner, who was born in 1798. On the maternal side our subject is descended from Nelson H. Palmer, whose birth occurred in 1807. Harry A. Sears, the father, was a native of Springville, Erie county, New York, where his birth occurred October 10, 1818. He was reared at home and educated in the public schools of Hamilton county, New York. He came west in 1853 and located at Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he remained for some time. He was well known in religious circles and a devout adherent of the Baptist faith. When he later located in Fond du Lac county he took up a tract of government land and engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. He was the organizer of the Baptist church at Campbellsport and was well known as a man of exemplary character. He died on July 22, 1887. His wife's death had preceded his and occurred on April 18, 1880. They were married on May 29, 1855, at Waukesha and were the parents of four children: Almira A., whose birth occurred March 2, 1856; Harry, our subject, is the next in order of birth; Carrie A., born May 27, 1865, who is the wife of C. P. Doolittle; and John E., born August 13, 1867, who is a resident of Buhl, Idaho.

Dr. Sears was educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac and later attended high school in that city. He supplemented this by a course in the Oshkosh State Normal School and in 1882 was graduated from Rush Medical College in Chicago with the degree of M. D. He located for practice at Ishpeming, Michigan, and spent one year there, removing to Hermansville, that state, and also remaining a year before he established his residence in Beaver Dam in 1884. He realized the need for specialization in these modern days of medical practice and entered Rush Medical College to take a course in eye, ear, nose and throat surgery. He has also taken post-graduate work in Chicago. From the very beginning his success has been rapid. The number of his patients is growing yearly and increases as his ability and medical skill become better known. Dr. Sears is affiliated with the various organizations connected with his profession. He is a member of the American Medical Association and in the Wisconsin State Medical Society has held the office of councillor for seven years. He

has been vice president of this organization since 1908 and in his work in these capacities has given evidence of his ability and knowledge.

On November 9, 1887, Dr. Sears was united in marriage to Miss Jennie L. Germain, a daughter of Columbus and Emily (Brower) Germain, of Beaver Dam, and to their union three children were born: Harry G., whose birth occurred September 13, 1888, and who died March 9, of the following year; Janet A., born March 14, 1890, who is living at home; and Harry J., born January 12, 1893, who is a student at the Whitewater Normal School. Dr. Sears' second marriage occurred November 11, 1903, when he wedded Miss Elizabeth Roberson, a daughter of Fletcher and Sarah (McPherson) Roberson. By this union he is the father of two children, George Roberson, born September 12, 1904, and Robert McPherson, born July 6, 1906. Dr. Sears is not affiliated with any political party, preferring to follow the dictates of his conscience and judgment in support of measures and candidates, whom he considers in the light of efficiency and ability relative to the office to which they aspire.

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#### GEORGE W. THEISEN.

George W. Theisen, a native son of Dodge county, prominent in its politics and active in its business life, died at his home in Juneau, July 29, 1911. For almost a quarter of a century he had been engaged in various important local enterprises and had done much constructive work in development, and his death deprived his native section of one of its most prominent, substantial and representative citizens. He was born in Lomira, Dodge county, February 22, 1869, a son of Frank and Elizabeth (Mandery) Theisen, natives of Germany, who were early settlers in Dodge county. In Lomira the father conducted a general store and saloon until the time of his death. His wife survived him for many years, dying in Milwaukee.

After completing his primary education in the public schools of Lomira, George W. Theisen attended Meyer's Business College in Milwaukee, and then kept books for a Milwaukee wholesale house, after which he conducted his father's store for a number of years. After his marriage in 1891, he purchased the stock and continued the business for two years, when the enterprise was sold. Six months later Mr. Theisen purchased a fine business building and a stock of general merchandise in Lomira, conducting this business for a number of years and then traded it for a neighboring farm, which he improved and operated for a time. During the two years which he spent upon his farm he was elected clerk of the circuit court and upon his reelection moved to Juneau, where he purchased a comfortable and pleasant home in which he resided until his death. During his term as clerk of the court he sold his farm and after moving to this city he gradually became interested in local business enterprises, prominent among which was the Juneau Automatic Carrier Company.

On January 6, 1891, Mr. Theisen was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Kiefer, who was born at Fond du Lac, December 25, 1869, a daughter of Peter and Balbina (Ruff) Kiefer, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Fond du Lac. The father came to America with his parents when a small boy.

The family settled in Lomira, where Peter Kiefer remained until he began his own career. He then went to Fond du Lac, where for some time he engaged in the butcher business. About 1872 he purchased land at Oak Center, Fond du Lac county, and thereon resided until 1882, when he disposed of his holdings and moved to a farm near Portage, which he improved and developed, selling it eventually and returning to Fond du Lac, where he is now living retired. His wife passed away in 1871. The wife of our subject was the only child born to their union. To Mr. and Mrs. Theisen nine children were born: Olivia, born December 3, 1891; George, born January 2, 1893; Felix, born January 20, 1894; John, who was born August 6, 1895, and died on September 29 of the same year; Cecilia, born October 8, 1896; Agatha, born October 19, 1898; Eugene, born April 16, 1900; Margaret, born July 11, 1902; and Ruth, born August 3, 1904.

Mr. Theisen gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and was active and prominent in local affairs. For eight years he served as clerk of the county court and previous to that time had been justice of the peace. This office he again held after completing his term as clerk of the court and was active in the discharge of its duties at the time of his death. For several years he served on the state central committee, bringing to his public life the same conscientiousness, ability and resourceful energy which made his business career prosperous and successful. He was a devout adherent of the Roman Catholic church and his religion was a vital force in his life. He belonged to the Catholic Knights and to the Catholic Order of Foresters and was active in the affairs of both organizations. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The prominence of the place which he gained during his life and the importance of the work which he did is evidenced by the widespread regret which his death caused. In politics he was upright, conscientious and honorable and in business thoroughly straightforward and sincere, yet his truest happiness lay in his home life and he found his real contentment in being surrounded by his family, who loved and honored him for his personal qualities, his kindness, his consideration, his unfailing courtesy, and mourned at his death a well beloved husband and father.

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#### JAMES A. BUNNELL.

James A. Bunnell, connected with the Albert Lea Gas Light Company, has in various ways been identified with the commercial and industrial interests of Clyman and is still the owner of the largest store building of that village. He has a wide acquaintance here, substantial qualities of manhood and citizenship having gained him high regard. He was born in Clyman township, November 5, 1855, and is a son of Andrew Jackson and Mary Jane (Miller) Bunnell, who were natives of the state of New York. The father became proprietor of a hotel and general mercantile business at Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, to which city he removed at an early day, but left there in 1854. He also engaged in the logging business in that part of the state but subsequently came to Clyman township, Dodge county, and died at the home of his father-in-law in the year 1855, about six months before the birth of his son James. His widow continued a resident of Clyman township

with the exception of one year at Campbell, Minnesota, until her death, which occurred on the 5th of September, 1881. She had married again, becoming the wife of Robert Glover, who is also deceased. By her first marriage she had two children, the elder dying in infancy.

James A. Bunnell began his education in the district schools of his native township and also spent one year in study at Watertown. He remained with his mother until he had attained his majority, about which time he became owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Clyman township and operated the farm for almost two decades, or until 1891, carefully and systematically cultivating the fields which returned to him golden harvests. In 1891 he also became proprietor of a general hardware and agricultural implement business, which he conducted while carrying on farm work. In the year in which he established the business he returned to Clyman but in 1893 rented the building and sold his stock of hardware and agricultural implements. He then resumed farming, purchasing land in Fond du Lac county, whereon he resided for four years. He then disposed of that property and once more became a resident of Clyman, where he again conducted a hardware business for a period of three years. After disposing of the stock he went upon the road as a traveling salesman, handling threshing machines, shredders and other farm machinery for about four years. He next became connected with the Austin—Weston Company, selling road-building machinery a part of the time for about ten years, subsequently he lived retired until the spring of 1912, but indolence and idleness are truly foreign to his nature and he reentered business circles, engaging with the Albert Lea Gas Light Company, with which he is still connected. He is the owner of the largest store building in Clyman, now occupied by the firm of Morgan & Young, hardware dealers, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. He is also the owner of a half acre of ground upon which his residence stands and two valuable lots in North Milwaukee, and likewise has one hundred shares of stock in the North American iron mine, near Tower, Minnesota.

On the 28th of February, 1878, Mr. Bunnell married Miss Jennie E. Ennison, who was born in Emmet township, this county, May 15, 1857, and is a daughter of William and Jessie (Bertie) Ennison. The mother's birth occurred in Dundee, Scotland, July 6, 1824, while the father was born in Ireland, March 22, 1818, of English parentage. They were married in Emmet township, Dodge county, the father having come to America when a young man and, after residing for a number of years in Massachusetts, removed to Wisconsin, taking up his abode in Emmet township. There he purchased a tract of land and continued farming until 1866, when he sold that property and removed to the village of Clyman, where he lived practically retired, although he sold farm machinery to some extent. He filled the office of justice of the peace and was chairman of the town board. He likewise served as town clerk and was ever loyal and faithful in the discharge of his official duties. In early life he taught school for a number of terms and was a man of liberal education and progressive spirit. He died October 31, 1875, and the mother, who survives him, makes her home during the greater part of the time with Mr. Bunnell. She had been previously married to James Aimer, who died in Boston, and there were three children born to that union: Mary, who is the widow of William Christie and resides near St. Charles, Minnesota; Jessie, who is the wife of James Lowth and makes her

home with her son at Janesville, Wisconsin; and Margaret, who is the widow of George Clair and lives near Cottonwood, Minnesota. By the second marriage there were five children: Jennie E., the wife of our subject; Anna, the wife of James Gibb, living at Cottonwood, Minnesota; Nellie, the wife of Charles Vehrs, of Eldorado, Wisconsin; James, deceased; and William, whose home is in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bunnell: Myrtle Jeannette, who is the wife of H. L. Morgan; and Mabel Jessie, the wife of L. J. Young. The former was born January 28, 1880, and the latter April 1, 1889.

The family is well known in Clyman, where Mr. Bunnell has lived for many years, his sterling traits of character winning him the kindly regard and warm friendship of those with whom he has been associated. There have been no spectacular phases in his life, but activity and reliability in business, and fidelity and trustworthiness in other relations have gained him a place with the worthy and representative citizens of his community.

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#### W. R. OWEN.

W. R. Owen is one of the oldest stock shippers in Dodge county in point of continuous identification with that line of work and is one of the leading and foremost men in business, political and social circles of Westford. He was born in Oneida county, New York, in 1848, a son of John R. Owen, a native of North Wales, born about the year 1818. The latter came to this country when he was eighteen years of age, the first of a family of thirteen to settle in America. He located near Rome, New York, and from there subsequently came direct to the vicinity of Randolph, Wisconsin, settling one and one-half miles southwest of the village. He bought a farm of Jerry Williams and upon this property he lived for many years, cultivating and improving it until his death. He is buried in Randolph. In Rome, New York, he married Miss Mary Jones and to them two children were born. John R. Owen contracted subsequently a second union by which eight children were born. The ten children are as follows: Jennie, born in 1846, married John J. Loomis, of Oneida county, New York. W. R., the subject of this sketch, is the second in order of birth. Mary, born in 1854, the first child of the second marriage, married E. P. Jones and they reside in Randolph. Katherine, born in 1856, married George Button, who passed away at Milton Junction. Margaret, born in 1858, has been twice married. Her first union was with Dr. Green, whose death occurred in Beaver Dam. Her second union was with Fremont Potter and they now reside in Sparta, Wisconsin. John H., born in 1860, married Margaret Pohl, of Milton Junction, and they became the parents of four children, three of whom survive. Fannie, born in 1862, became the wife of Gilbert Burdick, of Randolph, in which city her death occurred in 1882. Ida, born in 1864, married William Beckelkop, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and they have four children. Alice, born in 1866, died at the age of fourteen and is buried in Randolph. George L., born in 1868, is a resident of Skidmore, Missouri. He married Anna Williams and they have one son.

W. R. Owen was educated in the public schools of New York state and came

with his father to Wisconsin when he was eighteen years of age. He remained at home until his marriage and then came to Randolph, where for some time he was identified with the machinery business. Eventually, however, he became a stock shipper and has followed this line of occupation since that time, being one of the oldest shippers in Wisconsin in point of continuous identification with the business. He is also interested in the Prairie View Canning Company and in many other important local enterprises.

In 1872 Mr. Owen married Miss Frances R. Thomas, a daughter of Bailey and Julia Thomas, of Courtland, Columbia county, Wisconsin. Mrs. Owen was well known in club circles of the city and to her many friends as a charming, hospitable and talented woman of remarkable social accomplishments. She was the first matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and held that position at the time of her death which occurred at Randolph. Her leisure hours were devoted to art, for which she had a decided talent, and many of her paintings adorn the walls of her late home. She had a facility for copying from papers and magazines and did some attractive work in pencil, her pictures showing always the true artistic instinct. She died in August, 1905, and is buried in Randolph.

Mr. Owen gives his allegiance to the Republican party and is well known in local politics, having served with ability and distinction for four years as president of the village. He is a member of the Masonic order and was a charter member of Randolph Lodge, No. 270, A. F. & A. M. An early settler in Westford, he has been identified with the remarkable growth which the village has undergone in an industrial way, his labors having been dominating factors in promoting the activity which means commercial expansion. He has never confined his energies to one line of endeavor but has made his influence felt equally in politics, in business and in social life, and to him Westford owes much of its growing prominence along all lines.

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#### B. F. SHERMAN.

B. F. Sherman, with wide acquaintance in journalistic circles throughout the state because of his long connection with *The Argus*, was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on the 30th of November, 1836, a son of Benjamin and Jeanette (Pulsifer) Sherman. The parents died during the early boyhood of their son, who came to Wisconsin in 1857, when a young man of twenty-one years. He had previously learned the printer's trade in Michigan and secured employment in the office of *The Citizen*, then as now a well known paper of Beaver Dam. For a year he was in Madison and for a short time in Milwaukee. In the spring of 1862 he entered the office of *The Argus*, formerly *The Horicon Argus*, which had been established by B. W. Curtis and was removed to Beaver Dam, where it was first issued in December, 1862. In January, 1863, the paper was purchased by B. F. Sherman and D. C. Gowdey, who remained as its proprietors until the 1st of July, 1884, when Mr. Gowdey sold out to Mr. Sherman, who has since owned and published *The Argus*. Frank Hutchins was afterward associated with Mr. Sherman on the paper from 1884 until 1891, when his son, William H. Sherman, became associated with his father in the ownership and





editorship of *The Argus*. The paper has ever maintained rank with the leading weekly journals of the state. It has shown none of the elements of the sensational or of "yellow journalism," having always maintained a conservative as well as a progressive policy, seeking to present a correct account of general news and of the conditions which affect society at large as well as to give matters of local interest.

In August, 1859, Mr. Sherman was married to Miss Martha Shuart, of Beaver Dam, a daughter of Henry and Catherine Shuart, who came to this city in 1854 from Rockland county, New York. The father was a wagon maker by trade and followed that pursuit through much of his life. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sherman were born eight children, of whom three are now deceased, the others being: William H., who is with his father in business; Catherine, the wife of George F. Cobb, a resident of Miles City, Montana; and Albert F., Arthur J. and James B., all of whom are connected with their father in the printing office.

Mr. Sherman holds membership with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has ever been loyal to their teachings. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth, ability and fidelity, have frequently called him to local office. He has twice served as city treasurer, has been a member of the school board and for twenty-one years has been a member of the city council—a record unequalled by that of any other alderman. In 1879 he was elected to the state legislature and in 1882 was chosen to represent his district in the state senate. The public record of few residents of Beaver Dam has covered a longer period and none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

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#### NICHOLAS M. KLINK.

Nicholas M. Klink is superintendent of the Dodge county insane asylum and poor farm, and although he has been acting in this capacity barely a year, has shown in this time peculiar fitness for the duties of his office. He was born in Rubicon township, in February, 1866, a son of Nicholas and Paulina (Schilinger) Klink, natives of Wittenberg, Germany. His father came to America when he was about twenty years of age and settled in Wisconsin, where he worked at farming in the employ of others for several years. Later he bought land and upon it carried on general agricultural pursuits until a few years before his death when he moved to Rubicon and lived retired. He passed away April 20, 1906. His wife survives him and makes her home in Jefferson.

Nicholas M. Klink is the fifth in a family of thirteen children. He attended the public and German schools in Rubicon and after he laid aside his books, aided his father in the work of the farm until he was twenty-six years of age. Then he rented the property from his father and for four years operated and improved it. At the end of that time he purchased the tract of land which he now owns in Rubicon township and upon this he resided until January, 1912, when he was appointed superintendent of the county insane asylum and poor farm, assuming his duties on January 3, of the same year.

The county poor farm, over which Mr. Klink has entire charge has an area of two hundred and twenty acres, one hundred and seventy of which are under

cultivation. The average number of inmates in this institution is about forty and the produce from the farm, which is largely operated by the insane, is sufficient to support all of the inmates. In the Dodge county insane asylum are about one hundred and forty patients, most of whom are sent there from Dodge county. There are five employes on the poor farm and seventeen in the insane asylum. To Mr. Klink is entrusted the entire management of these institutions and general supervision over the employes. He is fulfilling the responsible duties in connection with his position with remarkable tact and circumspection, making the institutions as comfortable as possible for the unfortunates in his charge, at the lowest expenditure to the taxpayers of the county.

On May 30, 1892, Mr. Klink was united in marriage, to Miss Louisa Engildinger, who was born in Rubicon township, November 20, 1873, a daughter of Mathias and Barbara (Keefer) Engildinger, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Paris, France. In that city their marriage occurred and there they resided for thirteen years, coming to America at the end of that time and settling immediately in Rubicon township. Here the father engaged in farming upon land which he purchased and followed this occupation until his death which occurred in 1891. His wife survived him until April, 1903. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Klink is the eighth in order of birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Klink were born seven children: Aaron, whose birth occurred November 13, 1894; Mathias, born May 27, 1896; Eugene, born January 12, 1899; Vincent, born December 14, 1901; Genevieve, whose natal day was December 30, 1904; Mary, who was born November 15, 1909; and Nicholas, who was born August 16, 1911, and died in infancy.

The family belong to the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Klink gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has been active in local affairs. He has been serving in his present capacity only a short time but has discharged his duties capably and efficiently and always with kindness and consideration for the unfortunate and the poor, who are dependent upon him. He is a stockholder in the Auto Truck factory at Juneau and is interested in the growth and expansion of local enterprises. He has done able work during his short period of service as superintendent of the county insane asylum and poor farm and has demonstrated the fact that he is the right man in the right place.

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#### DAVID K. YORGEY.

David K. Yorgey has with the exception of a short period spent in Milwaukee been in the employ of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company since he was fifteen years of age. He was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1854, a son of John M. and Catherine (Davidscisor) Yorgey, both of whom were born in that county, the father in September, 1831, and the mother on the 9th of April, of the same year. John M. Yorgey was a cabinet-maker by trade and followed this occupation in Chester county until 1858, when he came to Milwaukee and there worked at his trade until coming to Horicon. Here he established himself in the furniture business conducting this enterprise only a short time, later becoming identified with the butcher business. About 1859

he went to Pike's Peak, but eventually returned to Horicon, where he engaged in carpenter work. Abandoning this occupation he bought a farm near Juneau, which he operated and developed for three years and then returned to Horicon, where he was employed in a sash, door and blind factory. When this establishment was moved to Janesville, he became identified with the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company, working for them in the winter months and following his trade during the summers. He met his death in 1884 in an accident, the scaffolding breaking under him while he was working at his trade.

David K. Yorgey attended the public school until he was twelve years of age. In that year he obtained employment and supported himself, attending school at night as often as he was able. When he was fifteen, however, he definitely laid aside his books and began working in the Van Brunt factory as assistant cutter of sheet iron. After two years he was sent into the machine shop and worked in that department until 1875, when he determined to go to Milwaukee. Borrowing ten dollars from a friend, he made the journey and accepted the first position offered to him, which was that of a bus driver for Perkins & Reed. He continued this activity until the following October, when he returned to Horicon and entered the employ of the Van Brunt & Davis Company, where he remained until 1891. He retained his identification when the factory was removed to Minneapolis and when he returned to Horicon in 1909 entered the employ of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company as superintendent of the main factory building, which position he still holds. He has accumulated a comfortable fortune which he has invested in local enterprises, owning valuable residence property in Horicon. He has also put his money in real estate in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, where he has important holdings.

On September 10, 1879, Mr. Yorgey was united in marriage to Miss Hattie M. Clement, who was born in Barnston, Canada, February 9, 1855, a daughter of John B. and Clarissa (Clifford) Clement. John B. Clement's maternal grandfather, John Bellous, came from England and served as an officer on the staff of General Burgoyne. The Clement family claims connection with one of the popes by that name. John B. Clement was born in Vermont, September 7, 1813, and the mother in New Hampshire, March 16 of the following year. John B. Clement was a carpenter in his earlier years and followed this occupation in Canada until 1857, when he came to Dodge county and settled at Burnett Junction, where he worked at his trade until 1869. In that year he went to Minnesota and obtained employment as a railroad carpenter. He also took up a homestead claim, upon which he later moved and resided until his death, which occurred in March, 1910. For many years he was prominent in local politics, doing able work as justice of the peace. His wife passed away in 1900. In their family were ten children, of whom Mrs. Yorgey is the youngest. To Mr. and Mrs. Yorgey were born four children: Flora Bell, who resides at home; Katherine, who is living in Minneapolis; David K., whose death occurred February 21, 1910; and Hattie, at home.

Mr. Yorgey is prominent in the Masonic order, holding membership in the lodge, chapter, commandery and shrine, and is also identified with the Order of the Eastern Star and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During the forty-three years of his identification with the Van Brunt interests he has given to

his employers faithful service and expert labor. His advancement has been rapid and his present position is one of importance. He has stood well the hard test of responsibility and by making good use of his talents, abilities and opportunities has made his life distinctly successful and his name honored and esteemed in the city in which he resides.

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#### FREDERICK HAROLD CLAUSEN.

Frederick Harold Clausen is factory manager of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company at Horicon and brings to the duties of his responsible position an energy, intelligence and a high standard of business morality which are the qualities upon which he has founded his success. He has held other important offices with the company and as a lawyer his services have been often called upon during the years of his identification with the enterprise. He was born at Fox Lake, October 22, 1875, and is a son of Henry and Lena (Christian-sen) Clausen. The father was born in Denmark, November 25, 1845, and the mother's birth occurred in Muskegon, Michigan, on the 19th of June, 1856.

Henry Clausen left home when he was twelve years of age in order to become a sailor and spent eight years upon the ocean. He came to Milwaukee in 1865 and made that city his home until 1871, sailing for six years upon the great lakes. At the end of that time he abandoned his occupation and went to Fox Lake, where until 1908 he was successful in the grain business. In that year he retired from active life. He is one of the representative citizens of his community and has served a number of times as president of Fox Lake. He has also done able work as a member of the school board and is actively interested in the progress and development of his community. He and his wife became the parents of five children: Frederick Harold, the subject of this review; Leon, who is factory manager of the Dain Manufacturing Company of Ottumwa, Iowa; Harry, who passed away when he was twenty-one years of age, while he was still pursuing his education at the Wisconsin State University; Elna, who lives at home; and one, who died in infancy.

Frederick H. Clausen received his education in the public schools of Fox Lake. He later entered the University of Wisconsin, completing the historical and scientific course and graduating with the class of 1897. He immediately afterward entered the law department and received the degree of LL. B. in 1899. He never practiced independently but became identified with the Van Brunt Company as attorney and private secretary to the president in the year following his graduation. These positions he occupied until the death of D. C. Van Brunt, the founder of the enterprise, who was at that time president, and Mr. Clausen continued his duties under W. A. Van Brunt, who succeeded to the office. In 1905 he was appointed advertising manager and division sales manager and met with his usual success in these offices until 1911. In that year the company with which he was identified merged with the Deere Company and Mr. Clausen was appointed to the position of factory manager. He entered immediately upon his duties and in the one year of his activity has met with a gratifying degree of success. By efficiency in the conduct of his office

and by business discrimination of a high order he has made his work effective and has been an individual force in the remarkable growth of the concern.

On September 19, 1900, Mr. Clausen was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Bliss, who was born in Ionia, Michigan, April 4, 1877, and who is a daughter of Adelbert M. and Margaret O. (Beattie) Bliss. The father was engaged in the drug business and came to Wisconsin about 1885, settling near Richland Center, where he followed the same occupation until 1895. In that year he went to Montana, where he is now operating a ranch. He and his wife were the parents of two children: Eleanor, the wife of our subject; and Adelbert, who lives in Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Clausen have been born three children: Margaret Nicolena, born June 19, 1903; Catherine Martha, born July 4, 1905; and Elna Mary, born September 15, 1909.

Mr. Clausen is a democrat in his political beliefs and is president of the school board of Horicon. He is interested in education and during his term of office has done able and important work. He served as city attorney for some time, is now a member of the city council and also acts as chairman of the board of public works. He is a man of varied interests and has always kept well informed upon local questions. He is an eager promoter of any movement looking toward the further development and progress of his community and his influence is always ready in a worthy cause. Although his connection with the Van Brunt Company has been his most important identification, he is also serving as second vice president of the Horicon State Bank, and gives much of his time to his fraternal affiliations. He is a prominent Mason and is now senior warden of the lodge and past high priest of the chapter. He also holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is well known in the affairs of that organization. His standards are high and he has never deviated from them in the course of his business career. As factory manager he has found a field of activity entirely suited to his ambitions and talents. He understands factory requirements and has the faculty of obtaining the cooperation of employes in a positive way. The positions which he has held during the course of his identification with the Van Brunt Company have been important and in some cases confidential and it is to his credit and honor that he has enjoyed the trust and confidence of his employers and of his business associates.

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#### ALBERT YOUNG.

Albert Young, who passed away at Beaver Dam on the 16th of November, 1894, spent his entire life in Dodge county and was successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. His birth occurred in Burnett, Wisconsin, on the 16th of November, 1847. He acquired his education in the public schools of Burnett and, because of the death of his father, early began providing for the support of his mother and the other children of the family, proving a devoted son to his widowed mother. He remained on the home farm at Burnett until thirty years of age, when he was married and took up his abode on a farm at Fox Lake. At the end of four

years, however, he returned to Burnett, where he purchased one hundred and thirty acres of land, cultivating the same until 1888, when he came to Beaver Dam. Here he spent the remainder of his life.

On the 26th of December, 1877, Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Sophia D. Weigart, who was born in April, 1861, her parents being John and Eliza (Quamman) Weigart. Her father is still living in his eighty-sixth year, while her mother was called to her final rest when seventy-seven years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Young had three children, as follows: Lillian, who is the wife of Ernest Schultz; Edwin G., who is a resident of Greeley, Colorado; and Carrie M., who died at the age of twenty-two years.

Mr. Young gave his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his passing the community lost one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. His widow survives and makes her home in Beaver Dam, where she has an extensive circle of friends.

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#### GEORGE WILLIAM KUHAUPT.

George W. Kuhaupt is proprietor of a cement block factory in Horicon, a fully equipped manufacturing plant and one of the important industrial institutions of the village. His able management of the affairs of this large enterprise and his position as its head give him a place among representative business men and rank him as an individual force in industrial expansion. He was born in Ehrlingen, Kreis Wolfhagen, Hesse-Nassau, Germany, April 9, 1846, a son of John and Marie (Ise) Kuhaupt, natives of that place. The father was born in 1816 and the mother on November 28, of the same year. The great-grandfather of our subject was a member of the Hessian forces, who aided the British in the American Revolution and was eight years under the direction of the English government. John Kuhaupt, the father of our subject, was a tailor in his native country and followed that line of occupation until his death, which occurred in the year 1852. In 1867 his wife came with part of her family to America, locating near Schleisingerville, Wisconsin, where she resided until 1879 and then moved to Addison, where she died in the fall of 1905, when she was eighty-nine years of age.

George W. Kuhaupt was educated in the public schools of Germany and was twenty years of age when he came to America, one year in advance of his mother. For six years he worked at the mason's trade, which he had learned in Germany, in Schleisingerville and then followed the same occupation for four years in Germantown. Returning to Schleisingerville, he worked at his trade until 1879, moving from there to Addison township, Washington county, where in partnership with his brother he conducted a feed store and sawmill until 1906, when he came to Horicon and purchased twenty acres of land within the city limits, upon which he erected his cement block factory, which he has operated since that time. He manufactures all kinds of cement products, including burial vaults and porch pillars and has an excellent modern plant fully

equipped with the most up-to-date appliances. The work produced in this factory is artistic and valuable and brings high prices in the Wisconsin markets, where it has a ready sale.

In November, 1870, Mr. Kuhaupt was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Ise, who was born in Schleisingerville on the 22d of October, 1847, a daughter of William and Catherine (Komalein) Ise, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1847, settling near Schleisingerville on a farm upon which both died. The mother passed away in 1902, when she was eighty-one years of age and the father's death occurred in 1903, in the ninety-third year of his age. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhaupt have four children: George, who is now station agent at Antioch, Illinois; William, who resides with his parents; Martha, who is the wife of Edward Meier, in the employ of the Miller Brewing Company at Milwaukee; and Anna, who married Otto Webber, of Horicon.

Mr. Kuhaupt gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is well known in the affairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding membership in Horicon Lodge, No. 87. He has that claim to prominence in business circles of the city which lies in the building up of a modern, thoroughly equipped and rapidly expanding commercial enterprise.

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#### JOHN M. ROHDE.

John M. Rohde, engaged in general agricultural pursuits, is owner of a tract of land of eighty acres on section 16, Oak Grove township, comprising one of the best improved farms in the township. His birth occurred in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, on the 28th of October, 1849, his parents being John and Dorothy (Pultz) Rohde, who were likewise natives of that place. The father served as a soldier in the regular army in Germany. About 1872 he emigrated to the United States with his family, settling near Hartford, Washington county, Wisconsin, where he made his home for about five years and worked for others. Subsequently he spent five years on a rented farm near Juneau and then took up his abode on the farm of his son, John, near Oak Grove, spending the remainder of his life among his children. He passed away about 1896, while his wife was called to her final rest about 1900.

John M. Rohde obtained his education in the schools of the fatherland and after putting aside his text-books worked in the employ of others. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world when a young man of twenty-three years and in this state spent about two years as a farm hand. Subsequently he operated a rented farm for about ten years and on the expiration of that period purchased a tract of eighty acres adjoining the city limits of Juneau, the further cultivation and improvement of which has claimed his attention to the present time. The property is well improved in every particular, the buildings thereon being modern and up-to-date and furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock. In the operation of this farm Mr. Rohde has won a gratifying measure of success, his well tilled fields yielding golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

On the 5th of November, 1880, Mr. Rohde was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Gerfen, who was born in the province of Pommern, Germany, on the 1st of January, 1859, her parents being William and Johanna (Hayes) Gerfen, likewise natives of that province. The father's birth occurred on the 10th of February, 1839, while the mother's natal day was January 12, 1840. About 1865 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling near Hustisford, this county. A short time later they took up their abode on a rented farm near Juneau and afterward purchased a tract of land near Oak Grove. William Gerfen was living retired at Watertown at the time of his demise, which occurred in 1910. His wife had passed away in Juneau about 1898. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rohde have been born ten children, as follows: Lydia, born November 5, 1885, who is the wife of Henry Lyndemeyer, a farmer of Clyman township; Clara, whose birth occurred on the 21st of March, 1887, and who passed away on the 2d of May, 1892; William, whose natal day was March 10, 1889; Herbert, who was born on the 5th of May, 1890, and who is a mechanic by trade; Albert, born May 28, 1892; Esther, whose birth occurred on the 14th of July, 1894; Edwin, born July 13, 1896; Jessie, born September 19, 1898; Reuben, born June 19, 1900; and Benjamin, born December 9, 1902. The last eight named are still under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Rohde is a staunch republican but his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church at Juneau. Coming to the new world in early manhood, he wisely utilized the opportunities offered and has steadily worked his way upward to a position among the prosperous agriculturists and respected citizens of his home community.

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#### E. H. NABER.

The legal circles of Mayville find a worthy representative in the person of E. H. Naber, whose birth here occurred on the 4th of August, 1877. He is a son of the late Gerhard and Anna (Ruedebusch) Naber, natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in the early '50s, locating just outside the city limits. There he pursued the career of an agriculturist until a few years prior to his death, which occurred in 1907, at the venerable age of seventy-seven years. He was survived by the mother, who passed away in 1909. They were married in America and to them were born four children, of whom our subject is the youngest.

Reared at home E. H. Naber was educated in the public schools of Mayville. Upon his graduation from the high school, he taught in the district schools of Dodge county for three years. Having resolved to become an attorney he went to Milwaukee and entered the office of McElroy & Eschweiler, where he pursued his professional studies. He subsequently engaged in court reporting in that city for three years, and at the expiration of that period, in 1904, returned to Mayville, purchasing the law practice of Frank Lawrence. Three years later he formed a partnership with the late F. M. Lawrence, with whom



he was associated in practice until the latter was elected to the office of county judge. In 1910, he became a partner of G. C. Wheeler, with whom he is still connected. Mr. Naber engages in a general practice, and as he is conscientious as a counselor and painstaking and cautious in the preparation of his cases, has acquired a reputation in the community, through his simple and practical manner of solving legal problems, which inspires confidence in his clients, who trust him implicitly. He is building up a permanent and profitable clientage, and has every reason to feel gratified with his professional success. For several years he was city attorney, and in the discharge of his official duties met the approval of his constituency by reason of his general efficiency, prompt action and decisive measures.

Fraternally Mr. Naber has attained high rank in the Masonic order, holding membership in Vesper Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M.; Horicon Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M.; Fond du Lac Commandery, No. 5, K. T.; and Beaver Dam Council, R. & S. M. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, being a member of the Mayville Camp, while he maintains relations with his fellow practitioners through the medium of his connection with the State Bar and American Bar Associations. Mr. Naber is one of the popular and esteemed citizens of the town, where he has many friends the majority of whom have known him from childhood.

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#### JOHN A. LOOMANS, D. D. S.

Dr. John A. Loomans is one of the well known and successful dentists of Waupun, in which city occurred his birth on June 28, 1878. He is a son of William and Mary (Landaal) Loomans, both of whom are natives of Alto, Wisconsin, and celebrated their marriage in 1864. The father, in company with W. E. Caldwell, was engaged in the lumber business. He is now deceased, having passed away in 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Loomans are the parents of five children, as follows: Alice, deceased; John A., of this review; George, a practicing dentist of Menasha, Wisconsin; Charles, who has passed away; and Lillian, at home.

John A. Loomans was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Waupun. He later completed the required course in dentistry in the Chicago Dental College, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of D. D. S. in the class of 1901. Immediately following his graduation he engaged in the practice of his profession in Waupun, to which he has since devoted his attention, and is numbered among the up-to-date and successful practitioners in his chosen field of work in the city. He is a member of the Wisconsin Dental Society and also a member of the Fox River Valley Dental Society.

Dr. Loomans was united in marriage on October 20, 1904, to Miss Eva Gamble, who was born in Trenton, Wisconsin, June 30, 1877, and is a daughter of William and Sarah (McLyman) Gamble, who were natives of New York and settled in Wisconsin fifty years ago. Dr. and Mrs. Loomans are the par-

ents of two children: Sarah Lillian, who was born June 10, 1908; and Jessie L., who was born November 21, 1910. Dr. Loomans is affiliated with the republican party and he and his wife are members of the Congregational church. He has met with gratifying success in the practice of his profession in the city of his birth and is a man who readily gives his assistance to the advancement of every laudable public measure intended to improve the conditions of the people in his county and state.

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FRANK J. McCALL.

Frank J. McCall is one of the prominent and successful business men of Richwood, where he conducts a general store and saloon, and he is also extensively interested in farm property in Shields township. He is a son of one of the earliest Wisconsin pioneers and was born upon the Stone Wall grain farm, which he now owns, December 10, 1865. His father, Edward McCall, was a native of Ireland and grew to maturity in that country. When he came to America he settled first in New York state and there resided for a number of years. Later, however, he moved west and settled in Dodge county, Wisconsin, in the early period of its development. He made the first journey into the state alone and after observing the conditions entered a claim to forty acres of land. Returning to New York, he brought his wife and family and with them settled upon this tract which was then covered with a dense growth of timber. He cleared a small space and upon it erected a log cabin, in which he resided while he carried on the work of further development and cultivation. As his financial resources grew he added to his holdings and owned at one time two hundred acres, upon which he made substantial improvements, building a fine residence, good barns, granaries and other outbuildings. He gradually became prosperous and successful and was recognized as one of the most able and representative agriculturists in Dodge county at the time of his death, which occurred in June, 1902, at the advanced age of ninety-seven. He married, in New York, Miss Anna Kelly, also a native of Ireland. Her death occurred in 1896, some years previous to that of her husband.

Frank J. McCall is the youngest of a family of nine children, eight of whom are still living. He was reared upon the homestead and received his education in the public schools. When not engaged with his books he aided in the farm work and thus at an early age gained experience in agricultural details and methods. After his father's death he inherited the homestead and successfully carried forward the work of development and cultivation for a number of years. His progressive and practical methods won him rapid prosperity and he became known as one of the leading farmers in the district. In 1904 he rented his farm out and removed to Richwood, where he purchased a business house and saloon. Later he added a dry-goods department and a stock of groceries and has since become prosperous and successful as a general merchant. His patronage has steadily grown, for his enterprise is capably conducted and his stock kept complete and up-to-date. His straightforward business methods are well known and have had a direct influence upon his prosperity. Mr. McCall

is also active as auctioneer throughout this section of the county and his services in that line are in great demand, as his work is effective and obtains results.

In Shields township, November 23, 1892, Mr. McCall was united in marriage to Miss Mary McCaig, a sister of H. J. McCaig, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. McCall have eight children, George W., Francis J., Edward A., Loretta Ann, Grace M., Margaret F., Isabella Lucile and Leo. M. The family are devout adherents of the Roman Catholic religion and are regular attendants at St. Joseph's church in Richwood.

Mr. McCall gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has always taken an active and prominent part in public affairs. While still upon his farm he was elected a member of the township board and served for four years as chairman of the board. At the end of that time he resigned. He has since done active and effective work as supervisor and has been a delegate to many county and state conventions. At the present time he is justice of the peace in Shields township and is in the eighth consecutive year of his service. He brings to the discharge of his official duties the same energy, conscientiousness and enterprise which have made his business career successful and his various activities have combined to make him one of the best known and most representative men in Dodge county.

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#### CARL PAUTSCH.

Carl Pautsch, a retired agriculturist residing on section 34, Chester township, came to this county more than a half century ago and was long and actively identified with farming interests here. His birth occurred in Zettig, district of Wolkov, Pommern, Prussia, on the 27th of June, 1831, his parents being Gottlieb and Fredericka (Wendt) Pautsch, the latter likewise a native of Pommern. The male representatives of the family were shepherds in Germany. Gottlieb Pautsch, who was born in 1791, passed away in the year 1874. In 1856 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, coming direct to Mayville, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and here followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, six of whom died in early life. The others were as follows: August, who passed away in Trenton township, Dodge county; Carl, of this review; Fred, who is a resident of Good Thunder, Minnesota; and Gustave, deceased, who participated in the Civil war as a member of the Fifty-first Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

Carl Pautsch was a soldier in the Prussian army for three years and was still in the service when in 1856 his father and three brothers emigrated to America. In 1857 he, too, crossed the Atlantic to the new world and, in association with his father and brother, August, purchased fifty acres of land in this county for eight hundred dollars. The sixteen members of the Pautsch family here then took up their abode in a log house which stood upon the place, the dimensions of which were sixteen by twenty feet. Our subject and his brothers were employed by the month at a wage of fifty cents per day and also cleared their own land. In 1860 they erected a gravel house and subsequently built a residence on an eighty-acre tract which they had purchased in 1861.

after disposing of the original farm of fifty acres. In 1863 they divided the farm of eighty acres between themselves, and three years later Carl Pautsch purchased a tract of twenty acres adjoining his place. In 1873 he disposed of his farm of sixty acres, purchasing and locating upon a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Chester township, while two years later he bought an adjoining place of eighty acres across the road. He erected all the necessary buildings on the property and continued to operate the same until 1903, when he put aside the active work of the fields. In addition to this he also purchased land for his sons or gave them the necessary capital with which to buy farms. The home place is now in possession of his son, Edward. The prosperity which he enjoys has come as the merited reward of a life of well directed labor and his record may well serve to illustrate the power of perseverance and industry in the attainment of success.

On the 26th of January, 1857, in Germany, Mr. Pautsch was united in marriage to Miss Johanna F. Zuhlsdorf, who was born on the 1st of October, 1836, and passed away on the 10th of November, 1910. Her father, Conrad Zuhlsdorf, was a native of Pommern, Germany, and became a farmer and landowner of that country, in which he spent his entire life. He had six children, two of whom came to America, namely: Mrs. Johanna Pautsch; and Sophia, the wife of William Wrucke, of Good Thunder, Minnesota. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pautsch were born twelve children, as follows: Emilie, the widow of William Witte, of Trenton township, Dodge county; Johanna, who is the wife of Fred Witte and lives in Chester township; William F., a resident of Wau-pun, Wisconsin; Mary, who is the widow of Herman Schliefert and resides in Manley, Nebraska; August C., living in Manley, Nebraska; Louis C., who makes his home in Juneau, this county; Wilhelmina, who died at the age of eleven years; Ida M., the wife of Herman Detlaff, of Glenburn, North Dakota; Herman A., of Chester township; Martha, the wife of William Rehwin- kel, of Louisville, Nebraska; Edward F., of Chester township; and Anton E., who also makes his home in Chester township. The parents celebrated their golden wedding in 1907 and all of their children were with them on that occasion.

In politics Mr. Pautsch is a democrat and for thirteen years held the office of assessor in his township. He acts as steward in Immanuel's Lutheran church at Burnett and takes a deep and helpful interest in church work. He has passed the eighty-first milestone on this early pilgrimage and is accorded the high regard in public opinion that should ever be given one of advanced years whose life has been worthily spent.

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#### JOSEPH J. PLASIL.

A native of Dodge county and the son of one of its most prominent pioneers and at the present time active and successful in the development of one hundred acres of land on section 2, Shields township, is Joseph J. Plasil, who was born in Watertown, May 3, 1865. His father, Joseph Plasil, was a native of Bohemia and grew to maturity in that country. Influenced by the hope of a bet-

ter fortune in America, he crossed the Atlantic in 1861 and landed in Maryland, where for some time during the Civil war he engaged in teaming in the government service. In 1863, however, he left Maryland and journeyed westward to Wisconsin, locating in Watertown, where he worked at carpentering, which he had learned in Bohemia, and at any other work which would add to his income. Being thrifty, ambitious and energetic he saved out of his earnings enough money to buy forty acres of land and this now constitutes a part of the family homestead. When it came into Mr. Plasil's possession it was a tract of uncultivated timber land and not an acre had been under the plow. With characteristic energy he cleared the trees from a small space and with the lumber cut down built a log house in which he made his home. Acre by acre he extended the work of development and finally had his entire farm cleared and improved. Gradually he bought more land and finally owned two hundred and ten acres. Upon this property he erected a fine modern residence to replace his log cabin, built a good barn and other substantial outbuildings and made general improvements about the place. He planted a number of acres in orchard and carried on general farming and stock-raising with great success until his death, in 1895, when he was seventy-three years of age. His widow, who was in her maidenhood Miss Barbara Kutchers, survives him and has reached the age of seventy-six. She makes her home with her son, Frank F. Plasil, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Joseph J. Plasil grew up on his father's farm and when he was little more than a child assisted in the hard work of clearing the timber and grubbing up stumps. He remained upon the homestead until after his father's death and carried forward the work of development. After his marriage, which occurred in 1902, he settled on his present farm, which constitutes one hundred acres of fertile and productive land. At this time very little of the property was improved and the only building upon it was a dilapidated house. Mr. Plasil, however, erected a substantial, two-story modern dwelling and began to improve and cultivate the soil. At the present time most of the land is cleared and under cultivation and the excellent condition of the farm shows the owner's careful supervision. He has built a fine barn with a good basement, has erected a silo and made other general improvements. He gives his attention to general farming and specializes in dairying, keeping a fine herd of cows for this purpose. An important branch of his activities is stock-raising, in which he is extensively engaged, breeding and fattening for the market fine grades of Holstein cattle. As Mr. Plasil's farming operations have succeeded he has extended his interests and become connected with the business life of his section. He was one of the promoters of the Liberty Cheese & Butter Association and is a stockholder and treasurer of the controlling company.

In 1902 Mr. Plasil married in Shields township Miss Anna Dobyschek, who was born in Bohemia and who came with her parents to Wisconsin when she was four years of age. She was reared and educated in Dodge county and remained at home until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Plasil have four children, Agnes, Paul, Barbara and John. The family are devout adherents of the Catholic religion and attend St. Joseph's church in Richwood.

Mr. Plasil's farming has been practical and productive of good results. He stands steadily for progress in standards and improvement in methods and has

upon his property all equipment and accessories necessary to the conduct of a modern farm. By well directed and persevering work he has attained success which has not only made him prosperous but also constitutes an element in the general agricultural development of this section.

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#### DELMONT FRANK FLETCHER.

Delmont Frank Fletcher, an enterprising and progressive agriculturist of Chester township, is busily engaged in the operation of a farm of one hundred and forty-six acres. His birth occurred in Hustisford, Dodge county, on the 22d of June, 1880, his parents being Charles Nelson and Abby Ann (Ryder) Fletcher. The father was born in this county on the 4th of March, 1851, while the mother's birth occurred at Hustisford, Wisconsin, in 1857. The maternal grandparents of our subject, Frank and Mary (Van Blarckin) Ryder, became early settlers of Dodge county, and the former was engaged in business as a merchant of Hustisford for some time. Daniel Fletcher, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Canada who came to the United States and settled in New York, securing employment in a woolen factory. Subsequently he came to Dodge county, Wisconsin, settling near Hustisford, where he entered land from the government and spent the remainder of his life. His prominence in public affairs is indicated in the fact that at one time he served as assemblyman from his district.

Charles N. Fletcher, the father of Delmont F. Fletcher, was born and reared on his father's farm in this county. On attaining his majority he purchased land of his own near Hustisford, cultivating the same for a period of eighteen or twenty years. At the end of that time he sold the property and took up his abode on the farm of one hundred and forty-six acres which is now in possession of his widow, continuing to reside thereon until called to his final rest in August, 1905. He had spent his entire life within the borders of Dodge county and in his passing the community lost one of its substantial agriculturists and respected citizens. It was at Hustisford that he wedded Miss Abby Ann Ryder, who is still living and makes her home in Waupun. She has also remained in this county from her birth to the present time and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here. Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Fletcher were the parents of three sons and a daughter, as follows: Grace, who is the wife of W. S. Blunt, a practicing physician of Waupun; Harry Nelson and Robert C., who are also residents of Waupun; and Delmont Frank, of this review.

The last named obtained his education in the schools of Hustisford and Waupun, completing his studies at the latter place. After putting aside his text-books he turned his attention to the work of the home farm and from that time to the present has devoted his energies to its operation, now renting the property from his mother. His fields have been brought to a high state of productivity, and everything about his homestead is suggestive of thrift and a careful regard for details that is indicative of capable and intelligent management.

Delmont F. Fletcher specializes in raising cabbage and was one of the first growers of this vegetable in this section. He has recently erected a cabbage store house of six hundred tons capacity in Waupun, in partnership with his brothers, which is the first of its kind in this district.

In June, 1907, Mr. Fletcher was united in marriage to Miss Martha Ann Tucker, a daughter of Moses and Anna Tucker, who were natives of Ohio and came to Wisconsin in the early days. The father was a mason by trade. After the Civil war, in which he had participated, his health failed and he was employed by the state in the prison at Waupun. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have one child, Charles Plympton, whose birth occurred in November, 1909.

Mr. Fletcher is republican in his political views but not blindly partisan, considering the fitness of a candidate as of more importance than his party affiliation. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Episcopal church. His life has been upright and honorable in all of its relations and he is widely recognized as a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of this county.

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#### OTTO F. SCHWEFEL.

Well over fifty years ago a little band of seven Germans left Milwaukee and came on foot to Lebanon township where each located a claim and upon it built a small log cabin. Returning to Milwaukee they joined their families and in the spring of the following year came with them overland, driving ox teams. They brought with them their household goods, provisions, and a few primitive farm implements and established in Lebanon township a German community which has grown to be one of the finest and most prosperous in the state. They were the first white settlers in the section and had only Indians for neighbors with whom they lived on friendly terms for many years. Gradually they became successful—fine examples of the best types of Wisconsin pioneers. The grandson of one of this little band, Otto F. Schwefel, is living upon one hundred and fifteen acres on section 20, Lebanon township and is regarded as one of the representative farmers of his section. He was born in the district in which he now resides, July 28, 1876, a son of William and Wilhelmina (Heilman) Schwefel, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Wisconsin. The father came to America when he was seven years of age, making the journey with his parents in 1843. When the grandfather of our subject came to Wisconsin William Schwefel accompanied him and grew to manhood in this section. Eventually he inherited the homestead and upon this carried on general agricultural pursuits until his death. He was one of the early settlers in Lebanon township and well known in democratic politics in which he took an active part, serving in various county and township offices. He was among the founders of the first church built in this section by the adherents of the Evangelical Lutheran religion. He died August 19, 1906, and the mother of our subject passed away June 18, 1878. Both are buried in Lebanon cemetery.

William Schwefel was twice married and the subject of this sketch is the youngest in a family of six children born to his first union. He received his education in the district and parochial schools and for one year attended the

normal school at Whitewater. He remained with his father upon the farm until 1903 when he moved to his present property, comprising one hundred and fifteen acres of productive land. Here he does general farming and stock-raising, breeding graded Holstein cattle and pure-blooded Chester White hogs. He also specializes in the breeding and raising of Belgium hares and is actively interested in this branch of his activities. He operates a model sanitary dairy, milking fifteen cows daily and selling his product to the neighboring cheese factory. Eighty acres of his land are under cultivation and the rest is in marsh and wood land. The principal products of his farm are hay and grain, all of which he feeds to his stock. In 1903 he erected a modern barn, ninety feet by thirty-eight feet, with cement floors throughout and equipped with wooden stanchions. Mr. Schwefel resides in a pleasant brick residence upon his property and delights in being surrounded by his many friends. He is one of the best known and most intelligently active men of his section and is interested in various important local enterprises. He has been secretary for the past six years of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Lebanon township and is a stockholder in the new Farmers and Citizens State Bank of Watertown.

In 1903 Otto F. Schwefel married Miss Paulina Braunschweig, a daughter of Ludwig and Caroline (Titez) Braunschweig. Her grandparents came to Lebanon township from Germany in 1845, and representatives of the family have been living here since that time. Mrs. Schwefel is the seventh in a family of eleven children and was born September 12, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Schwefel have five children: Helen, who died when she was six years of age; Ernst; Elda; Gustave; and Alice.

Otto Schwefel is active and prominent in democratic politics and is serving his sixth year as justice of the peace. For three years he did able and constanchions. Mr. Schwefel resides in a pleasant brick residence upon his property, bringing to his public life the same intelligent discrimination, integrity, and unquestioned honor, which have made his business life useful and prosperous.

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#### WALTER E. WARREN.

When Walter E. Warren died in Fox Lake, May 2, 1905, agricultural interests of Dodge county and the business interests of the city lost a conspicuously worthy representative. He was a native son of Trenton township and all his work and energies were steadily directed toward the growth and advancement of his section, so that he was justly entitled to the place which he held among the men who influence general activity. He was born March 8, 1859, and was a son of George and Mary E. (West) Warren, natives of New York state, who came to Wisconsin in 1848 and settled in Trenton, Dodge county, where the father died in 1900. His wife passed away in Fox Lake in 1904.

Walter E. Warren was the fourth in a family of five children. He received his education in the district schools of Trenton and Fox Lake townships and in the Downer College at Fox Lake. After he left this institution he went to Wayland University, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, thus completing an excellent





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education. For some years afterward he remained with his parents on their farm, which was known as the Laurel Hill stock farm, and became a partner with his father in the operation of this enterprise. All of his time was given to the management of the farm until 1900, when he moved to Fox Lake and became connected with the business life of the town. His ability and force of character soon drew him into important relations with large enterprises, among which may be mentioned the Warren & Pettegrew Gas Company, an enterprise which was organized in 1903 and with which Mr. Warren was closely identified until his death in 1905. He owned also a great deal of valuable city property, for his investments had always been judicious, and he was besides the proprietor of fine tracts of farm land in northern Wisconsin.

On the 18th of October, 1886, Mr. Warren married Miss Matie Gillette, a daughter of Robert Arthur and Sarah (Turner) Gillette, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Maine. They were early settlers in Tomah and made that section their home for a number of years. Mrs. Gillette died there but her husband passed away in Fox Lake. Mrs. Warren is the second in a family of five children and was born October 31, 1864. She and her husband became the parents of two daughters. Inez was born in 1888 and received her education in the public and district schools of Trenton and Fox Lake townships. She is a graduate of Wayland Academy of Beaver Dam and she later attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison for two years. Mary Edith was born in 1889. She attended the district and public schools of Trenton and Fox Lake townships and was graduated from the Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, Illinois, in 1910. The family give their allegiance to the First Baptist church of Fox Lake, which Mr. Warren attended during his life.

Mr. Warren voted the prohibition ticket and was interested in the spread and growth of the prohibition movement. He was prominent in the Masonic order, his only fraternal affiliation. His business interests included his connection with the George Warren Company Bank, of Warrens, Wisconsin, of which he was a stockholder and vice president, and some of his time was given to the management of this enterprise and his extensive property holdings. He died at the age of forty-six, cut off in the prime of his career, but his prosperity had already reached gratifying proportions. It is hard to estimate the value of the work he would have done had he had time to complete it, but some idea of the high place which he occupied in the respect and esteem of his associates and friends may be gained from the expressions of widespread regret which attended his death and which was a genuine tribute of sorrow at the close of a worthy life.

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#### FRANK S. BAUER.

Frank S. Bauer, a well known citizen and enterprising merchant of Leroy, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Dodge county who have remained within its borders and have here won success and prosperity. His birth occurred in Leroy township on the 9th of July, 1856, his parents being Frank and Katharine (Bruner) Bauer, natives of Bayern, Germany. The father was born on the 10th of August, 1826, while the mother's natal day was October 30,

1831. They were representatives of old Bayern families, whose male members followed farming there. Frank Bauer emigrated to the United States in 1851, remaining in the state of New York for two years and working on a farm. He landed on American soil with a cash capital of two dollars and a half and secured employment at a wage of five dollars per month. In 1853 he came to Leroy township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and took up a tract of forty acres of government land, clearing the timber therefrom and improving the property generally. Disposing of the place, he purchased a farm of one hundred and eight acres and continued its operation until 1884, when he retired to the village of Leroy, where he passed away in 1898, after a residence of forty-five years in this county. The success which crowned his efforts came as the direct reward of his industry and perseverance, for he came to the new world empty-handed and worked his way upward unaided. It was in 1853 that he wedded Katharine Bruner, a daughter of Michael Bruner, who was a native of Bayern, Germany, and followed the profession of teaching in that country. He emigrated to the United States in 1851 and here also taught school and engaged in farming. He was the father of two children: Mrs. Katharine Bauer, whose demise occurred on the 2d of October, 1903; and Maria, who is the widow of Joseph Greiner and lives in Mayville. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bauer had six children, as follows: Katharine, the wife of Joseph Wittman, of Watkins, Minnesota; Frank S., of this review; Joseph, who makes his home in Leroy township; Mary, the wife of Martin Wittman, of Byron, Wisconsin; and Amelia and John, who died in infancy.

Frank S. Bauer, whose name introduces this review, attended the parochial and district schools in the acquirement of an education and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. In 1879, when a young man of twenty-three years, he started out in the business world on his own account, buying grain at Knowles, Wisconsin, where he erected an elevator and built the first house. He also served as the first postmaster of that town. Three years later he was made agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company at that point, capably discharging the duties devolving upon him in that connection for a period of eighteen years. He likewise opened and conducted a general merchandise store at Knowles. In 1900 he abandoned station work and opened up a stone quarry, operating the same for four years and then selling it to the Nast Brothers. In the meantime, in 1901, he removed his stock of general merchandise to Leroy, where he erected a store building and residence and has since remained in business. He carries a large and well selected line of goods at reasonable prices and a liberal patronage is accorded him in recognition of his straightforward and reliable business dealings. In the conduct of the store he is ably assisted by his wife, who is a woman of excellent business ability and a good manager, and who, in connection with the store, conducts a millinery establishment.

It was on the 14th of January, 1879, that Mr. Bauer was united in marriage to Miss Anna C. Schmid, who was born on the 1st of November, 1859, her parents being George and Maria F. (Greiner) Schmid, natives of Regensburg, Bayern, Germany. George Schmid came of a family of brewers. In 1853 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating first in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he secured employment in a brewery. In 1854 he came to Leroy,

erected a brewery and conducted the same until the time of his retirement in 1892. His demise occurred in 1903. He was married at Milwaukee in 1854 and became the father of ten children, namely: George, who died at Leroy in 1902; Mary, the wife of Peter Buelsbach, of Chicago; Mrs. Anna Bauer; Elizabeth, who gave her hand in marriage to J. N. Schraufnagel, of Leroy township; Barbara, who passed away at the age of fourteen years; Joseph, who died at Chicago in 1904; Matilda, the wife of John Strasser, of Leroy; Caroline, the wife of Anton Hoffman, of Leroy; Alois, who is engaged in business as a merchant at Lomira, Wisconsin; and Maximilian, a priest, who died in 1905. To Mr. and Mrs. Bauer have been born eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Frank, who died when four years of age; Edwin, a merchant of Milwaukee, who wedded Lucy Wild and has four children; Dorothy, the wife of P. J. Zehren, of Split Rock, Wisconsin, by whom she has three children; Frank J., who wedded Miss Ella Schingen and lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lucy, the wife of Bernhard Mauel, of Split Rock, Wisconsin; and Leonora, Anna, Armand and George, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Bauer is a democrat in his political views and was honored by election to the state assembly in 1905 and again in 1907, justifying the confidence of his constituents during two terms of able service in that body. He belongs to the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin and is a devout communicant of St. Andrew's church, of which his wife and children are also members. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bauer are widely known throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives, and their many excellent traits of heart and mind have gained for them a wide circle of acquaintances and a host of warm friends.

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#### LOUIS J. SIMON, M. D.

Dr. Louis J. Simon is giving his attention to the general practice of medicine in Horicon and is ranked among the most progressive, able and practical physicians in the village. He is a native of Wisconsin, born in Fond du Lac county, April 13, 1883, a son of Jacob and Mary (Schneider) Simon, both natives of Prussia, Germany, where the father was born, January 15, 1840, and the mother, December 8, 1842. Jacob Simon came to America with his parents when he was only six years of age and settled with them in Fond du Lac county on a farm upon which he grew to maturity. He eventually became an extensive land owner in that section and carried on general agricultural pursuits. He has now abandoned the active work of the fields but still resides upon a farm in Fond du Lac county, making his home with his son. He has become prominent and important in the public affairs of the section in which he resides and has held various important township offices.

Dr. Simon is the twelfth in a family of fourteen children. He was educated in the district schools of Fond du Lac county and in the high school of the city of Fond du Lac. After completing his preliminary studies he entered the medical department of the University of Illinois, graduating with the degree of M. D. in 1908. He came immediately to Horicon and opened an office in the city where he has since gained prominence in his chosen field. He has a broad knowledge of

the general principles which underly the science of medicine and is capable of making this knowledge practically effective. He has been taught in a modern age and has made use of the most modern methods and systems, broadening his knowledge by constant reading. In consequence his practice has increased as he has become better known and has attained gratifying proportions at the present time.

On June 6, 1911, Dr. Simon was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Schraven, who was born near Oak Grove, Lowell township, April 8, 1885, a daughter of William and Anna (Heiling) Schraven, who reside near Lamartine in Fond du Lac county, where the father is engaged in farming.

Dr. Simon gives a general allegiance to the democratic party and votes this ticket on national questions although in local affairs he casts an independent ballot. He and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic church. He gives practically his entire attention to the general practice of medicine. Scientific efficiency is the ground work of his success and has been the principal factor in his undoubted success. Dr. Simon has the principal work of his life still before him, but has begun in a way which promises well for the future.

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#### GUSTAV MARTIN LINDERT.

For over twenty years Gustav Martin Lindert has been carrying on farming and dairying upon one hundred and forty acres of land which he owns near Woodland. Progressive methods have made him prosperous and one of the successful and representative men of this section and have gained for him a high place in agricultural circles. Mr. Lindert was born in Hustisford township, April 1, 1865, and is a son of Martin and Gusta (Rehse) Lindert, natives of Germany. His father was born in the province of Brandenburg, October 10, 1823, and remained there until 1856, when he came with his wife and daughter to America. He bought a farm in Hustisford township, Dodge county, and operated and developed it with great success until his death. The mother of our subject was born July 21, 1829.

Gustav M. Lindert attended the German schools of his native section and after he laid aside his books worked for his father upon the home farm until he was twenty-six years of age. At that time he purchased one hundred and forty acres on sections 34, 22 and 27, Hubbard township, near Woodland, and upon it he has since resided. This is a fine tract of land and all under cultivation but twenty acres. The farm is equipped with the newest machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and nothing is neglected which goes to make a model agricultural enterprise. Upon it Mr. Lindert does general farming and gives special attention to the conduct of his dairy, which is kept clean and sanitary, his products commanding a ready sale and a high price on the market. Mr. Lindert also gives much of his time to breeding and raising stock. At the present time his herd consists of graded animals but he intends eventually to breed only thoroughbreds. From time to time he has made substantial improvements upon his property, converting two smaller barns into a large one, erecting grana-

ries and a silo, and in every way working to bring his farm into excellent condition.

Mr. Lindert married in 1896, Miss Alice Wendorff, who was born September 24, 1877. She is a daughter of August Wendorff, a native of the province of Pomerania, Germany, born August 24, 1846. He came to America before the Civil war and enlisted for service in the Federal army in that conflict. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Mary Springborn, also a native of Germany, born in December, 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Lindert have three children: Bernhard, whose birth occurred on May 20, 1897; Martha, born April 9, 1899; and Meta, born May 26, 1902. The family are devout adherents of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Lindert is independent in his political views and casts his vote for the man whom he considers most capable for the office without regard to party affiliations. He is actively interested in community affairs but his attention is mostly given to the operation of his farm, which he has developed and cultivates along modern lines, gaining for himself a high place among the representative men of his section.

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#### JOHN P. CARROLL.

One of the most active, progressive and representative farmers of Dodge county is John P. Carroll, a native son, who owns and operates the farm in Shields township upon which he was born. He has one hundred and forty-three acres on section 24, highly improved along systematic lines, and his work in its development has been a distinct contribution to scientific agriculture. Mr. Carroll was born December 26, 1854. His father, Michael Carroll, was a native of Ireland and grew to manhood in that country. As a young man he determined to seek his fortune in America and accordingly crossed the Atlantic and settled in Vermont. From there he went to New York state and worked at various occupations for a number of years, saving enough out of his earnings to buy a team and wagon. With this he drove from New York state to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, over many miles of wilderness, broken only occasionally by a small village. He arrived at his destination in 1845 and for three years he remained in Milwaukee and engaged in teaming. At the end of that time he came to Dodge county and purchased eighty acres of land in what is now Shields township and sixty-three acres adjoining in the township of Emmet. When he located on this property in 1848 it was a tract of wild timber land, upon which not a furrow had been turned. With characteristic energy Mr. Carroll set himself to the task of clearing the land and developing it into a model farm. In the first small space from which he cut down the trees he built a log cabin and took up his residence in it while he carried forward the work of improvement. As his financial resources grew he built the necessary barns and outbuildings and some years later replaced his original cabin by a fine modern residence. Little by little he became known as an able and scientific farmer, whose progressive methods had brought him well deserved success. He was one of the earliest pioneers in Dodge county and it is said that his deed to this property was the first filed on the county records.

He died upon his farm in 1886 and his wife survived him for two years. In their family were eight children, four of whom are living.

John P. Carroll was reared upon his father's farm and from his early childhood helped in the operation of the same. He received his education in the public schools and in Sacred Heart College at Watertown, and when he had completed it returned home and took full charge of the property. After his father's death he inherited the homestead and has since given his entire time to its development. He has made substantial improvements in the barns and has erected new outbuildings and remodeled the house. In this he continued to reside until January, 1912, when he moved into the fine modern residence which was completed in that year on another section of the farm. It is a large two-story dwelling, equipped with all conveniences and accessories. Since coming into possession of his one hundred and forty-three acres Mr. Carroll remained upon the farm continuously until 1902, in which year he rented the property and moved to Watertown, where he engaged for two years in the agricultural implement business. In 1904, however, he returned to his home and again became active in the development of the farm, having sold his business interests in Watertown.

Mr. Carroll married, in Richwood, November 24, 1896, Miss Elizabeth Burke, who was born and reared in Shields township. To this union were born five children, Arthur Raymond, John Warren, Charles Earl, Agnes Veronica and Mary, who died at the age of six months. Politically Mr. Carroll has given his allegiance to the democratic party since he cast his first vote and has been active and prominent in local affairs for many years. When he was a young man he served one term as assessor and since that time did able work as supervisor, laboring earnestly to promote the general welfare of the section. In his business affairs he displays excellent ability and his enterprise, careful control and keen discernment are factors which have gained him a place in the front ranks of progressive farmers.

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#### OSCAR D. NABER.

Oscar D. Naber is conducting a general merchandise store in Mayville and has gained prominence in business circles by reason of his able management and his increasing success. As postmaster of the village and a factor in the affairs of various important local enterprises, as well as president of the school board, and a member of the Commercial Club, the prosperity which has come to him has been well merited by diligence and industry, and entitles him to a place among the representative men of the village. He is a native son of Mayville, having been born there, January 15, 1870. His father Dietrich Naber, was born in Oldenburg, Germany, and came to America in 1850, settling immediately in Mayville, where for some time he clerked in a general store. He saved his money and was soon able to purchase a store of his own which he continued to conduct until his death which occurred in 1901, when he was sixty-seven years of age. He was well known in the business circles of the village as an honorable, upright, and straightforward man, who starting in a

small way had gradually built up his business into a modern, up-to-date enterprise. He married Miss Anna Ruedebush, who was born in Germany, and who came to America in 1860 with her father, who was among the early settlers in Dodge county. The mother of our subject passed away in 1898.

Oscar D. Naber is the fourth in a family of eight children. He was educated in the district schools of his native section and is a graduate of the Mayville high school. After completing his studies he was employed in his father's store and has been connected with this enterprise since that time, first as clerk and later as proprietor. For twenty-eight years he has given his entire time and attention to its management keeping it modern and up-to-date in all its departments, and conducting it along progressive lines until it is now one of the finest stores in this section of the county. In August, 1911, he was appointed postmaster of Mayville and assumed charge in October of the same year, discharging his duties ably and conscientiously.

On August 4, 1899, Mr. Naber was united in marriage to Miss Paula Paustian, a daughter of Ferdinand and Sophia (Roll) Paustian. Her father was a miller by trade and also an electrician and followed these two lines of occupation for many years. He is now living retired in Mayville. Mr. and Mrs. Naber have four children: Alfred, Walter, Herbert, and Margaret.

Politically Mr. Naber gives his allegiance to the republican party and although he has never sought public office his interest in educational affairs led him to accept the position of president of the school board, in which capacity he has served for the last six years and has recently been elected for another term. He is well known in fraternal circles being prominent in the Masonic order, by his membership in the lodge at Mayville and in the chapter at Hori-con. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the German Turn Verein and the Mayville Commercial Club. The practical standards by which he directs his business life, his intelligent conduct of the affairs of his office and his general influence upon local affairs have made him an important figure in the community and are tangible proof of the usefulness and value of his life.

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#### HENRY BERGEN.

Among the true builders and promoters of Dodge county may be numbered the men who came to this section in pioneer times and who by hard work in clearing the wild tracts of timber land transformed a wilderness into productive farms. Henry Bergen is numbered among the men of this class for he came to this district as a child in pioneer times and grew up amid conditions of development. As a child he was aiding his father in clearing the timber, breaking the soil and making improvements upon the farm and he is living today upon the property to which he came as a boy nearly sixty years ago. In his mature career he has carried forward the work along modern lines of expansion and has achieved a success which places him among the representative citizens of Shields township. He has become identified with the more public life of the section and for many years has been considered one of the most influential forces in democratic politics. He was born in Ontario, Canada, August 25,



1848. His father, John J. Bergen, moved to the United States with his family in 1853 and in the same year made a permanent settlement in Shields township. Here he purchased a tract of land covered with a dense growth of timber. He did not fear earnest and persevering work and broke the soil and made general improvements upon the property, including the building of a crude log cabin from the timber cut down. Later on he bought more land and continued the work of development along modern lines, replacing his early dwelling by a commodious and substantial house and building also a large basement barn and other outbuildings, so that the farm was gradually made into a model property. Upon this he reared his son Henry and daughter Mary and upon it he died in 1910, at the age of ninety-two years. His wife passed away in February of the same year.

Henry Bergen grew up on the home farm and after his parents died took full charge of its management and carried forward the work of improvement for a number of years. He engaged in general farming and was extensively interested in dairying and stock-raising, keeping fine herds of high-grade cattle. For over sixty years he has made his home upon this property and although he has the farm rented out, still continues to reside upon it. His sister Mary has been his housekeeper and both are well known and widely popular throughout Dodge county.

Politically Mr. Bergen is a stanch democrat and one of the prominent men in public life in Shields township, for he has a record of twenty-three years of consecutive service as town clerk and also did able and effective work as treasurer of the school board, bringing to the discharge of his official duties the same energy, conscientiousness and unquestioned honesty which made his business career successful. He and his sister have been residents of Dodge county for well over half a century and are numbered among the very earliest settlers in the section. They have witnessed the change of the county from a vast, unbroken wilderness into one of the finest farming sections in Wisconsin. They have seen railroad facilities established and developed, towns and cities founded and built up, and well improved farms cultivated everywhere. To a large extent Mr. Bergen's work has been identified with this progress and change and by his able, straightforward and earnest work he has done his part in creating one of the finest farming sections in America. His life has, therefore, been more than individually successful, it has been useful and valuable.

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#### GUSTAV BESKE.

Gustav Beske has for the past fourteen years been engaged in business as a general merchant of Atwater and for the same length of time has also served in the capacity of postmaster, being appointed to that position in 1898. His birth occurred in Hubbard township, Dodge county, on the 24th of February, 1873, his parents being Herman and Matilda (Kietzer) Beske. William F. Beske, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Pommern, Germany, and emigrated to the United States with his family about 1856. He came direct to Wisconsin, locating first near Mayville and later in life removing to Chester town-

ship. Unto him and his wife were born three children, as follows: Herman; Amelia A., the wife of John Albrecht, of Mayville, Wisconsin; and Augusta, the wife of F. W. Beske, of Burnett, Wisconsin.

Herman Beske, the father of Gustav Beske, was a lad of eight years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States. After attaining his majority he began farming on his own account, first in Hubbard township, this county, and later in Lomira township. About 1894 he came to Chester township, where he has since been successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits. The period of his residence in Dodge county covers more than a half century and he has gained an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders. He was married in 1872 and has three living children, namely: Gustav, of this review; Edwin, who resides in Atwater, Wisconsin; and Albert, at home.

In the acquirement of an education Gustav Beske attended the public schools and also a German parochial school at Lomira. After putting aside his textbooks he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until he secured a position in the service of the Soo Line. In 1898 he came to Atwater and opened a general merchandise store. In 1905 he was appointed agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company at Atwater and opened an express office. As a merchant he has won success, carrying a large and attractive line of goods and doing everything in his power to meet the demands and wishes of his patrons. In 1898 he was appointed to the position of postmaster and has ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in that connection to the present time.

On the 15th of September, 1898, Mr. Beske was united in marriage to Miss Cecelia Saeger, who was born in Burnett township, this county, on the 29th of November, 1877, her parents being Gottlieb and Fredericka (Boos) Saeger. Her father emigrated to this country from Pommern, Germany, at an early day, locating in Herman township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he now resides and follows farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Beske have been born two children, Erwin and Alvin, who are both at home.

Mr. Beske is a republican and has served as township clerk of Chester township. He and his family belong to the Lutheran church. The salient qualities of his life have ever commended him to the confidence, good-will and friendship of those with whom he comes in contact and he has always enjoyed the warm regard of a host of friends. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in Dodge county and are well entitled to a place among its representative residents.

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#### REINHOLD WEGNER.

General agricultural pursuits claim the time and energies of Reinhold Wegner, who resides on section 20, Chester township, and owns two farms, comprising one hundred and fifty-two and two hundred acres of land respectively. His birth occurred in West Prussia, Germany, on the 24th of April, 1856, his parents being Martin and Eva (Kitzer) Wegner, the former born in 1811, and

the latter in 1830. Our subject comes of an old Prussian family. Martin Wegner passed away in 1857, when his son Reinhold was but a year old, and his widow afterward became the wife of John Sonnenbush. In 1870 Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenbush and the five children of the latter's first marriage emigrated to the United States, the family home being established in Burnett township, Dodge county, Wisconsin. Mr. Sonnenbush first purchased a farm there and then secured employment on the railroad. Both he and his wife are still living and are widely and favorably known throughout the community.

Reinhold Wegner obtained his education in the schools of the fatherland and was a youth of fourteen when he came to America with his mother and stepfather. After arriving in this county he at once secured employment as a farm hand and for a number of years worked diligently and saved his earnings. When a young man of twenty-five years he rented a tract of land and was busily engaged in its cultivation until 1886, when he purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty-two acres in Chester township. In 1889 he bought one hundred and twenty acres across the road and also began cultivating that tract. In 1907 he purchased eighty acres adjoining the latter farm, which now embraces two hundred acres. He has made all of the improvements on both of his properties, which are models of their kind. The soil is naturally rich and productive and the practical and progressive methods which he uses in cultivating it have brought good results. The success which he now enjoys is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it is attributable entirely to his own efforts and enterprise.

In 1881 Mr. Wegner was united in marriage to Miss Albertina Daumann, who was born in Germany in 1858, her parents being Carl and Louise (Muencke) Daumann. The father came to the United States in 1861, locating at Mayville, Wisconsin, where he first worked in a foundry. In 1866 he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. His demise occurred in 1909. To him and his wife were born four children, of whom Mrs. Wegner was the youngest. Our subject and his wife had seven children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Hettie, the wife of Albert Smith, of Atwater, by whom she has two children; Matie; Ledore; Tafel; Rene; and Harold. The five last named are still at home. The wife and mother passed away in 1908.

In politics Mr. Wegner is a democrat and at present is serving as a member of the school board and also in the capacity of road overseer. The cause of education has ever found in him a staunch champion. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, belonging to the church of that denomination at Waupun. The period of his residence in Dodge county covers more than four decades and the circle of his friends and acquaintances is a wide one.

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#### HIRAM WEDEMEYER.

Agricultural and stock-raising interests in Dodge county find a progressive and worthy representative in Hiram Wedemeyer, who owns and cultivates the family homestead of one hundred and forty-three acres on section 12, Shields township. He is one of the many enterprising and successful farmers and

stock-raisers in this district who are founding a distinct and substantial prosperity in their chosen work by steadily adhering to systematic and practical methods and by studying agriculture as a modern science. A native son of Dodge county, Mr. Wedemeyer was born in Shields township on the old homestead, September 22, 1868. His father, Theodore Wedemeyer, was a native of New York but came west with his parents when he was a child and with them located in Emmet township in 1847. Here he grew to maturity upon his father's farm until 1862, when they moved upon their Shields township farm. Here he married in 1867 Miss Jane Kerr, also a native of New York, who was reared and educated in Wisconsin. After his marriage Theodore Wedemeyer bought one hundred and forty-three acres of land which was partially cleared and improved. Upon this property he established his home and with characteristic energy began the work of further development. Being industrious, progressive and enterprising he met with a gratifying degree of success, becoming one of the prosperous farmers and business men in Dodge county. Upon his farm he erected a substantial residence with basement and planted a number of his acres in an orchard. He was one of the pioneers to haul milk to make cheese in this section of the state, starting in the year 1874. However, the principal interest of his life was given to stock-raising and he was the breeder of the first registered Holstein cattle in this vicinity. He continued to reside upon his farm for a number of years but finally retired and moved to Watertown, where he passed away, February 6, 1910, having survived his wife who died in 1886, for a number of years.

Hiram Wedemeyer grew up on his father's farm and his primary education was received in the public schools of Dodge county. By making use of every opportunity and by wide reading he fitted himself for teaching and followed this occupation for five years before he entered the Wisconsin State University, which institution he attended for two years. When he laid aside his books he went to Chicago, where he worked at steam heating and plumbing for about five years. In 1900 he returned to the home farm and has since given his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He has repaired and improved the buildings which his father erected and has added a silo and a number of other necessary structures. Stock-raising forms an important phase of his interests and he is extensively identified with the breeding and fattening of pure-blooded, registered Holstein cattle. In this industry his father was a pioneer, for he was engaged in it as early as the year 1885. Mr. Wedemeyer, of this review, has carried on this branch of his father's activities and now has a herd of thirty pure-blooded, registered animals. He is also operating upon his property a model dairy, giving strict attention to the details of cleanliness and sanitation, and the products of this branch of his enterprise find a ready sale in the market. For four years Mr. Wedemeyer has been acting as agent for the Elba Mutual Fire Insurance Company and has proved himself an able business man as well as a successful and prosperous agriculturist.

At Chicago, Illinois, on the 23d of October, 1895, Mr. Wedemeyer married Miss Mary Norton, a native of New York state, and to their union were born three children, Josephine, Mary and Paul W. The family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Richwood.

Mr. V'edemeyer has gained recognition in Shields township and throughout Dodge county as one of the most industrious and prosperous farmers of this district. He stands constantly for progress in every branch of his activities and the result of this policy is shown conclusively in the excellent state of his business affairs and the flourishing condition of his farm. Upon it are found all the improvements in equipment necessary to the conduct of a model agricultural enterprise and the owner is known as one of the greatest forces in local development and progress.

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#### HENRY BOEHMER.

Henry Boehmer is conducting business under the name of the Mayville Foundry Company and is sole proprietor of the enterprise. He has always been connected with this line of activity and his success is the merited reward of persistent effort and capable direction. He was born in Prussia, December 24, 1833, a son of Conrad Boehmer, who lived and died in Germany. Henry Boehmer crossed the Atlantic with his mother, who in her maidenhood was Barbara Boether, a native of Prussia. The voyage was made in 1848 and they spent a year in Albany, New York, after which the family came to Wisconsin in 1849, settling in Sheboygan. Henry Boehmer proceeded on foot to Mayville and the same year the family, consisting of mother, two sisters and Henry Boehmer, settled in this locality, where Mrs. Boehmer passed away in 1880.

Henry Boehmer was educated in the schools of Prussia and early in life became connected with the foundry business, which he followed until 1851 as an employe of the Northwestern Iron Company. Leaving Mayville in 1851 he went to Chicago, remaining there for some time, and then proceeded to Milwaukee, where he spent two years. He then returned to Mayville and worked for Daniel Van Brunt for two years, after which he bought the business and continued there until 1859. In 1859, attracted by the discovery of gold at Pike's Peak, he went to Colorado, where he remained for about six months. On returning to Mayville he became connected with the Marling & Younker Company, a firm that he had previously been connected with, in the foundry business and was thus associated until 1888, when he purchased the foundry of which he has since been the owner. He makes farm machinery and all kinds of castings, and although now seventy-nine years of age, he helped to pour off a cast of iron on the 18th of July, 1912. He is a remarkably well preserved man, strong and vigorous for one of his age, and as proprietor of the Mayville Foundry Company he is conducting a profitable and extensive business.

On the 20th of September, 1856, Mr. Boehmer was married to Miss Margaret End, a daughter of Alois End, a native of Alsace, France, which district, however, has since become a part of Germany. His wife, Mrs. Mary End, was also a native of Alsace. They came to America in the '30s and for a time remained in Doolittle, Ohio, but subsequently removed to Milwaukee and later settled in Mayville Dodge county, Wisconsin, in 1855. The father devoted his life to farming and both he and his wife are now deceased. Their daughter, Mrs. Boehmer, was born August 2, 1838, and passed away on the 5th of April,

1904. By her marriage she became the mother of eleven children. Joseph, who was married and had two children, was proprietor of a foundry and store at Sheboygan until he met death by accident, July 14, 1891. George died February 20, 1860. Alois is married, has six children, and is engaged in the foundry business. Mary is the wife of John Steger, a brewer. Edward is married, has one child and is also engaged in the foundry business. Henry works in a gun store in Milwaukee. Katie, living in Portland, Oregon, is married, and has five children. Mathias died November 29, 1887. Josephine is the wife of Louis Hilkert, of Spokane, Washington, and has three children. Charles died February 23, 1904. Hubert, born November 20, 1860, is married and lives at home.

In politics Mr. Boehmer is a democrat and has ever stanchly advocated the principles of the party. He has served as village marshal and as a member of the school board, while for a time he also filled the office of town treasurer. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church. While a native of Prussia, he has always been most loyal to his adopted land, under whose flag he has resided for sixty-four years. He has worked hard and whatever success he has achieved has come to him as the direct result of his labors. Dodge county knows him as an industrious, reliable business man and by his many acquaintances he is held in warm regard.

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#### FRED W. KROHN.

Fred W. Krohn is a prominent figure in commercial circles in Mayville, where he is engaged in dealing in furniture, musical instruments and undertaking goods. He was born in the township of Theresa, Dodge county, April 18, 1887, and, as the name indicates, is of German descent. His grandfather, William Krohn, was born in Germany and came to America in the early '50s. He was married in his native land and followed farming both there and in the United States. His son, Herman Krohn, the father of Fred W. Krohn, was born in Dodge county and also became a farmer, devoting his entire life to agricultural pursuits. He has a place of one hundred acres devoted to general farming and has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation. He married Theresa Koepsell, who is also living.

Fred W. Krohn is the eldest of their family of six children and in the public schools he pursued his education while spending his boyhood days on his father's farm in Theresa township. While not occupied with his text-books he worked in the fields and later became a cheese and butter maker, giving his attention to that business until 1907, when at the age of twenty years he began merchandising, opening a store in Mayville, where he carries a large and well selected line of furniture, undertaking goods and musical instruments. He passed the examination of the Embalming School of Philadelphia in 1908. The business is conducted under the firm style of the Krohn-Koepsell-Gruber Company, Incorporated. Their trade is large and gratifying and is the merited reward of business methods which neither seek nor require disguise.

On the 1st of March, 1908, Mr. Krohn was married to Miss Clara Borchardt, a daughter of Fred and Amelia Borchardt of Mayville, the former a retired farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Krohn have one child, Andrew. They are well known in the town and have an extensive circle of warm friends. They hold membership in the German Lutheran church and Mr. Krohn gives his political allegiance to the republican party. That he is well liked and popular is indicated in the fact that he was chosen alderman of the Second ward, being the first republican ever elected in that ward in Mayville. He has made an excellent record, displaying in the performance of his public duties the same sterling qualities which he manifests in his business career.

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#### MICHAEL CARROLL.

Michael Carroll, capitalist, financier and man of affairs, is well known in business circles of Watertown as a progressive, enterprising and able man and is numbered also among the pioneers in Dodge county, where for many years he was one of the greatest individual forces in agricultural development. He was born in Albany, New York, February 1, 1839, and has resided in Dodge county since 1845. His father, Michael Carroll, Sr., was born in Ireland and remained in his native country until he was a young man, when he decided to come to America and crossed the Atlantic, settling in Albany, where he followed his trades of moulding and pattern-making for some time. He there married Miss Alice Fox, also a native of Ireland, and in 1844 came west, settling in Dodge county, where he entered a claim of two hundred and forty acres. He returned to New York and in the following year brought to Wisconsin his wife and family. They journeyed by way of the Erie canal to Buffalo and then sailed across the lakes to Milwaukee. From there they traveled with teams overland to Dodge county and settled upon a tract of heavy timber land among the earliest pioneers of the state. With the energy and resolution which were qualities in his character Michael Carroll, Sr., set himself to the task of clearing and developing his land. With a portion of the lumber which he cut down he built a small frame house, in which he lived for a number of years and the building still stands on the place. Gradually, as his financial resources increased, he extended the work of improvement and soon had a large portion of his farm planted in grain. He replaced his original building with a fine frame residence and built barns, outbuildings and granaries. From time to time he added to his holdings until he owned several hundred acres of the finest and most productive land in the state. Upon this property he reared his family and upon it he spent the last years of his life.

Michael Carroll of this review was reared upon his father's farm and his primary education was received in the public schools of Dodge county. This was later supplemented by a short course in the Watertown schools, but Mr. Carroll's advantages along this line were very limited. This deficiency, however, he has remedied by constant and wide reading and is now one of the most cultured and educated men in the section in which he resides. He worked upon the farm until after the death of his father and then inherited the homestead

of two hundred and forty acres, to which he added one hundred and twenty acres adjoining. For a number of years he farmed and developed this property, repaired old buildings and built new ones. He however operated the two tracts as separate farms, built substantial residences on both and the necessary barns, silos and outbuildings. He continued his identification with agricultural pursuits until 1883 and then rented his holdings and moved to Watertown, where he has become active and prominent in commercial and political circles. He has careful tenants on each farm and the fine herds of cattle, hogs and horses are Mr. Carroll's property.

Immediately after taking up his residence in Watertown Mr. Carroll established himself in the general merchandise business and was successful in it for a number of years. Gradually he extended his interests and invested his money judiciously in local real estate, purchasing lots upon which he built residences. These he rents out with the exception of a fine modern dwelling on West Main street, which he occupies himself. Mr. Carroll is a stockholder and director in the Wisconsin National Bank and has other important financial interests, which he manages in so capable a manner that he is accounted one of the most able and efficient business men in the city.

In Emmet township, May 1, 1860, Mr. Carroll married Miss Mary Burke, who was born in Ireland and who was brought to America by her parents when she was an infant. Mrs. Carroll died upon the farm in Emmet township in 1877 and is buried in St. Bernard's cemetery in Watertown. She left three children. Michael Carroll, Jr., grew to manhood and for some time engaged in business in Watertown. He died in this city at the age of twenty-two. Alice married John Ryan, a business man of Watertown. She passed away some time ago. John died when about seven years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll are devout adherents of the Roman Catholic church. Although Michael Carroll has reached the age of seventy-three, he seems yet in his prime, in spirit and interests. For about thirty years he has been a resident of Watertown and his many varied and representative activities have had their effect upon the general development of the city. All the requisites for success he possesses in a marked degree, for he is shrewd, energetic, persevering and discriminating in his judgments. His work along business lines has, therefore, been constantly constructive and has had an important effect in promoting along many lines the commercial activity which makes for growth.

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#### WILFRED C. HOWARD.

Wilfred C. Howard is one of the respected citizens of Waupun, in which city he has lived since 1893, while he calls Wisconsin his home state since 1882. He was born July 11, 1861, in Guilford, Maine, and is a son of Leonard E. and Johanna P. (Morton) Howard. The former was born May 30, 1826, in Guilford, Maine, and the latter was a native of New Hampshire. The paternal grandfather was Leonard Howard, who was born in Leeds, Maine, in 1803 and died in 1871. The grandmother, Cynthia M. Howard, was born in Scituate, Massachusetts, in 1796, and died in 1888. To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Howard,



the parents of our subject, four children were born, as follows: George E., who is engaged in the insurance business at Dover, Maine; Mrs. Carrie M. Robbins, who is a resident of Leeds, Massachusetts; Wilfred C., of this review; and Herbert M., living at Fox Lake, Wisconsin.

Wilfred C. Howard was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools and later was a student for a short time in one of the academies of Maine. After completing his academic course he taught school in Guilford, Maine, and later in Wisconsin. He settled in Wisconsin in 1882, at which time he engaged in teaching school and continued in that vocation until 1883. He then, in company with his brother, purchased eighty acres of land located west of Waupun and upon that property he continued to live for seven years. In 1890 he purchased a farm on the west shore of Fox Lake and was there engaged in general farming until 1893, at which time he bought the hardware business of Chamberlain & Davison in Waupun and later consolidated his business with the Bryce & Ferguson Company of Waupun and since 1906 has successfully continued the business in his own name. He is a stockholder in the National Bank of Waupun and also has an interest in the Fox Lake canning factory.

Mr. Howard was united in marriage March 4, 1890, to Miss Edith J. Brown, who was born in Liverpool, England, but later became a resident of Leeds, Massachusetts. Her mother is still living in Maine. To Mr. and Mrs. Howard five children have been born, namely: Blanche M., born February 12, 1892, who is attending Beloit College; Mildred M., who was born October 8, 1894, and died June 12, 1912; Lois M., whose birth occurred on the 19th of August, 1897; Marjorie E., who was born August 31, 1900; and Wilfred F., born August 17, 1906.

Mr. Howard is affiliated with the republican party and has been school treasurer of Waupun for twelve years. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and he and his wife are members of the Congregational church of Waupun. Mr. Howard is one of the enterprising and successful merchants of Waupun and a man who is held in high esteem by all of his acquaintances and is numbered among the desirable and useful citizens of his part of the state.

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#### JOSEPH BROOKS, Sr.

Joseph Brooks, Sr., is one of the most enterprising and prosperous farmers and stock-raisers in Emmet township, where he owns and operates a fine tract of two hundred and thirty-five acres on section 31, west of the city limits of Watertown. He is a native son of Dodge county and was born in Emmet township, April 23, 1845. His father, Joseph Brooks, was a native of Ireland and came to the United States at an early age, settling first in Massachusetts, where he resided for a number of years. In 1844 he moved west to Wisconsin and located in Dodge county in pioneer times. Here he found an undeveloped and unsettled country with miles of dense forest tracts in all directions. Undeterred by these conditions, he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, from which by arduous and persevering labor he cleared the trees. He built



The above is a very good likeness of Willard A. Van Brunt.

From its inception in 1861, until recently, Mr. Van Brunt has been connected with the manufacture of Van Brunt seeding machines at Horicon, Wisconsin.

He was born in Williamstown, Dodge County, July 13, 1847. His parents were Daniel C. and Mary Fassett Van Brunt.

a crude log cabin and began to farm and develop his property. By steady and unflinching work, directed by a perseverance which was proof against discouragement, he soon had the land under the plow. As acre by acre yielded harvests, he bought more property and extended the work of clearing the trees until he had several hundred acres under cultivation. Upon this property he erected substantial buildings and made general improvements and little by little was rewarded by success, becoming one of the most prosperous farmers and influential citizens in Dodge county. Here he reared his family and spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1894. His wife survived him many years and passed away at an advanced age, being almost one hundred years old when she died.

Joseph Brooks of this review, grew up on the home farm and from an early age aided his father in the work of developing and cultivating the fields. His primary education was received in the common schools and was supplemented by a year in the Northwestern University at Watertown. At the end of this time he laid aside his books and returned to the home farm, where he worked in the interest of his father until he was twenty-eight years of age. At that time the latter gave to his son a tract of land of one hundred and seventy acres, which constitutes a portion of his present farm. Upon this he began the work of improvement and development and from time to time bought more land and added it to his holdings until he owns two hundred and thirty-five acres of the finest and most productive land in Wisconsin. Upon this he has built a fine modern residence, an excellent barn, a granary for the protection of his crops and a well equipped tool house. He has made many other substantial improvements and is recognized in the section in which he resides as one of the greatest individual forces in the development of agriculture into a systematic science. He has a number of his acres planted in orchard and is besides extensively interested in raising stock. He breeds and fattens Holstein cattle and has a herd of thirty-two head, all of pure-blooded registered stock, with a fine thoroughbred Friesian-Holstein at the head of the herd. Another important department of Mr. Brooks' farm is the dairy, which is modernly equipped in every particular, special attention having been paid to cleanliness and sanitation. He gives much of his time and attention to the conduct of this department and is successful in it, as in all other branches of his activity, by reason of the progressive methods which he follows and the high business standards to which he steadily adheres.

In September, 1875, Mr. Brooks married, in Watertown, Miss Maria McDonough, who was born and reared in Wisconsin. Eight of the children born to their union are living. They are as follows: John, who is superintendent of the beet sugar works at Chippewa, Wisconsin; Joseph, who is in the sugar refining business in Colorado; Christopher, who is studying for the priesthood in Notre Dame, Indiana; Peter, a graduate of the Watertown high school, who is assisting his father with the work of the farm; Daniel, who also resides at home; Anna, the wife of Edwin Gormley, residing near Jefferson, Wisconsin; Agnes, who married Peter Murphy, a business man of Milwaukee; and Helen, who lives at home. The family are devout adherents of the Roman Catholic religion and attend St. Bernard's church in Watertown.

Mr. Brooks is independent in his political views and casts his vote for the man whom he considers most capable of filling the position without regard to party affiliations. He was elected and served as supervisor for one year but has

since constantly declined political honors, preferring to devote his entire time to the management of his business interests. He is, however, public-spirited in a marked degree and this has taken the form of active and ready cooperation in any movement which has for its object the material, moral or intellectual expansion of the section in which he was born.

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#### EDWARD F. PAUTSCH.

Edward F. Pautsch, living on section 34, Chester township, is the owner of a tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty-nine acres and devotes his attention to the pursuits of general farming and dairying. His birth occurred in that township on the 4th of November, 1878, his parents being Carl and Johanna F. (Zuhlsdorf) Pautsch, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work. In the acquirement of an education he attended the public and German parochial schools and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. In 1903 he purchased the place from his father and it has since remained in his possession. It originally embraced one hundred and fifty-one acres but he purchased an adjoining tract of eighteen acres and the farm now comprises one hundred and sixty-nine acres. He erected a substantial and commodious barn on the place and in other ways has enhanced its value and attractiveness. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he devotes considerable attention to dairying and also raises hay on an extensive scale.

In 1902 Mr. Pautsch was united in marriage to Miss Annie Wetzal, who was born on the 7th of February, 1880, her parents being Fred and Louisa (Medtke) Wetzal, both natives of Brandenburg, Germany. They emigrated to the United States about 1868, locating in Lomira township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and have since remained in this county, being now residents of Trenton township. They have four children, as follows: Mrs. Annie Pautsch; Emil, who is a resident of Trenton township; and Fred and Arthur, who are still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Pautsch have one child, Leona, whose natal day was April 28, 1904. Mr. Pautsch is a devoted member of Immanuel's Lutheran church of Burnett and acts as one of its trustees. He has won prosperity in his undertakings as an agriculturist and he and his wife are numbered among the substantial and esteemed citizens of the county in which they have spent their entire lives.

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#### FREDERICK KRONITZ.

Frederick Kronitz, living retired in Watertown, was for twenty-seven years actively identified with hotel interests in the city. As proprietor of the Washington Hotel he kept one of the finest and most modern hosteleries in the county and by his able management established himself in the front ranks of progressive business men. He is a native son of Wisconsin, born in Lebanon township.

Dodge county, March 29, 1846. His parents were Henry and Eva (Leichfeldt) Kronitz, natives of the fatherland. <sup>64</sup> The first of the family to settle in America was the grandmother of our subject, who after the death of her husband in Germany came to the United States and settled in Lebanon township, Dodge county, where she lived to the age of ninety. The father of our subject lived in his native country until after he had completed his term of military service as a member of a cavalry regiment in the German army. He married and in 1844 came with his wife to Lebanon township. There he took up government land, paying for his property a dollar and a quarter an acre. This farm he cultivated and improved, struggling for success against the hard conditions of an early period of agricultural development. Cash money was rare and most of the business was done by trading, and even the money for taxes was raised with difficulty. Henry Kronitz hauled his grain to Milwaukee by ox team and sold or exchanged it in the markets of that city, returning with the household supplies which were needed by the family. He remained upon his farm for many years and brought it to a high state of cultivation. Eventually, however, he retired from active life and moved to Watertown, where he died in 1882, when he was seventy-seven years of age. He had long survived his wife, who died upon the home farm in 1876. Both were members of the Lutheran church. In their family were seven children: Wilhelmina, the deceased wife of August Block; Carl, of Watertown; Henry, deceased; Augusta, who became the wife of Edward Jolke and is now deceased; Frederick, of Watertown; Amelia, the deceased wife of William Gorder; and a child who died in infancy.

Frederick Kronitz was reared upon his father's farm in Lebanon township and received his education in the district schools. He remained at home until 1871 and then moved to Waterloo township, where he spent four years cultivating and improving a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres. In 1875 he moved to Watertown and has since made this city his home. He purchased the Washington Hotel and conducted it along modern business lines until it was partly destroyed by fire. He immediately rebuilt, erecting a fine brick structure, and managed the hotel until 1902, when he retired from active life.

On the 23d of June, 1870, Mr. Kronitz was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Gorder, who was born in the principality of Lippe-Detmold, Germany, April 4, 1852, a daughter of August and Louisa (Krueger) Gorder, natives of the fatherland. She came to America with her parents in 1853 and settled in Portland township, Dodge county, where her father operated a farm for some time, later moving to Waterloo township, where Mrs. Kronitz grew to womanhood. Her mother died in that section in 1872, when she was fifty-eight years of age, and the father passed away in Watertown in 1878, at the age of sixty-six. They had six children: Henrietta; Frederick and August, both of whom have passed away; William; Wilhelmina, the wife of our subject; and Sophie, who married Edward Kuetig, of Waterloo. Mr. and Mrs. Kronitz became the parents of four children: August, who died in infancy; Louis E., who married Ida Hose, by whom he has one daughter, Gretchen; Ida, who became the wife of Otto Novack, now deceased, by whom she had five children, four of whom are still living, Walter, Esther, Arnold and Erna; and Henry, who married Emma Christensen, by whom he has one daughter, Doris. The family are members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Kronitz gives his allegiance to the democratic party but never allows political affiliations to influence his vote. He is interested in the growth and development of his native section but he never seeks public office. He is known, however, as a progressive and straightforward business man and until 1902 continued his active identification with the management of the Washington Hotel but is now retired and enjoying a well earned rest, having acquired a comfortable fortune and the respect and esteem of his associates and friends.

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#### WILLIAM T. SLEIGHT.

William T. Sleight has lived retired in Watertown for the past nine years, his home being at No. 604 South Washington street. Throughout his active business career he was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits and still owns an excellent farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres in Emmet township. It was on that place that his birth occurred, May 27, 1855. His parents, John P. and Mary Ann (Russell) Sleight, the former a native of Lincolnshire, and the latter of Kent, England. The father emigrated to the United States in 1837, sailed up the Great Lakes to Toledo, Ohio, and then traveled for three hundred miles on foot up the Maumee and down the Wabash rivers, subsequently engaging in the construction of the Wabash and Erie canal. Until 1845 he followed different occupations, being engaged principally in construction work, but in the meantime, in 1841, had made a visit to England. In 1845 he came to Emmet township, Dodge county, purchased land and for a period of nine years was engaged in ditching, while during the remainder of his life he carried on different manufacturing and farming enterprises. His demise occurred October 5, 1896, when he had attained the age of seventy-six years, while his wife was called to her final rest on February 19, 1904, at the age of seventy-three. The remains of both were interred in Oak Hill cemetery at Watertown. John P. Sleight had been a resident of this county for over a half century and had gained an enviable reputation here as a substantial and esteemed citizen.

William T. Sleight, who was the second in order of birth in a family of four children, obtained his early education in the public schools, later attended an Episcopal parochial school at Oconomowoc and subsequently pursued a course of study in the Northwestern University at Watertown. After putting aside his text-books he began farming on his own account in Emmet township, operating the farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres on which he was born. He was busily engaged in the further cultivation and improvement of that place until 1903, his well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestowed upon them. For the past nine years, however, he has lived retired in Watertown, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. The farm on which he was born and which he successfully operated for so many years is still in his possession.

On the 26th of September, 1876, Mr. Sleight was united in marriage to Miss Aminda Boomer, of Trenton township, Dodge county, her parents being Edward J. and Jane (Woodruff) Boomer, who were early settlers of this county.

She was the fifth in order of birth in a family of eight children and was born on the 4th of January, 1855. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sleight have been born two children, namely: Gertrude E., whose birth occurred on the 2d of December, 1881, and who is still under the parental roof; and Flora J., who was born on the 9th of December, 1886, and passed away July 29, 1904.

Mr. Sleight gives his political allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He acted as census enumerator for the town of Emmet in 1900 and for twelve years was a member of the school board in his district. He was reared in the faith of the Episcopal church and fraternally is identified with Watertown Lodge, No. 49, A. F. & A. M.. Both he and his estimable wife have a host of warm friends throughout the community and justly merit the regard and esteem which are uniformly accorded them.

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#### PETER F. LANGENFELD, M. D.

Dr. Peter F. Langenfeld, one of the most capable, enterprising and reliable physicians in Theresa, has been practicing his profession in the village since 1903 and from the very beginning his success has been assured, based as it is upon the firm foundation of scientific efficiency. He is well known in this section for he was born in Theresa and has here spent his entire life. His birth occurred June 12, 1878, his parents being Peter and Josephine (Mayer) Langenfeld. His father was born in Prussia, Germany, December 8, 1837, and came to America in 1855 when he was seventeen years of age. He was educated in the public schools of his native country and completed his studies in the high school at Menasha, Wisconsin. When he laid aside his books he clerked in a store at Iron Ridge and then came to Theresa, settling in this village in 1861. For fifteen years he taught in the local Catholic school and also engaged in the fire insurance business. He was prominently identified with local democratic politics and in 1878 represented his district in the state legislature. He was a notary public and was serving as justice of the peace at the time of his death. He was twice married. His first union was with Miss Caroline Miller who died March 3, 1871, leaving two children, Theresa and Albert. In 1877 he was again wedded. His second wife being Miss Josephine Mayer, a daughter of Joseph Mayer who worked as a laborer for a number of years but who is now living retired in the ninety-third year of his age.

Dr. Langenfeld was the only son born to his father's second union. He was educated in the district schools of his native village and later attended the Beaver Dam high school. He was graduated from the medical department of Northwestern University in 1903 and immediately located for practice in Theresa. His active career has been short but expert knowledge and inherent ability have made his rise rapid.

On May 23, 1912, Dr. Langenfeld was united in marriage to Miss Leona Quandt, a daughter of Fred Quandt, a farmer in Herman township. The Doctor gives his allegiance to the democratic party but is not active as an office seeker, his entire time being taken up by his professional duties. He is a

member of the Roman Catholic church in which faith he was reared, his father having been one of the prominent figures in the affairs of the local church and treasurer of that organization for a number of years. Dr. Langenfeld belongs to the Dodge County and Wisconsin State Medical Societies and has kept abreast with the advancement and progress which is constantly being made along medical lines. His profession required not only special equipment and knowledge but also a mind capable of quick and rapid concentration, a skill which is mechanical as well as scientific and a human understanding and sympathy. All these requirements for success Dr. Langenfeld possesses and upon them he has founded his prosperity.

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#### EDWIN B. PATTON.

Edwin B. Patton has been successfully engaged in the drug business in Waupun since 1883. He was born September 26, 1858, in Byron, Fond du Lac county, and is a son of David and Harriet E. (Cowles) Patton, who settled in Wisconsin in the early '40s. The paternal grandfather was John Patton and the grandmother Aurelia (Kibbe) Patton, the former a native of Perth, Scotland, and the latter of Massachusetts. John Patton emigrated to America at an early day, and purchased land from the father of James Fenimore Cooper, and was a playmate in his boyhood days of the American novelist. David Patton, the father of our subject, established his home in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and there followed farming for a livelihood. He was a veteran of the Civil war and a member of Company D, Forty-fourth Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers. He died in the spring of 1865 and the mother died in 1881. They were pioneers of Leroy, Wisconsin, and when they bought their farm in Dodge county the title which they received was second in line of transfer from the government.

Edwin B. Patton was reared in his parents' home and received his education in the public schools of Waupun. After completing his school years he received a second-grade teacher's certificate in Dodge and Fond du Lac counties and was engaged in teaching school in 1876 and 1878, commencing life in that work at the age of eighteen years. He later took up work in a drug store in Waupun in 1879 and obtained his license from the state as pharmacist in 1882. He was employed as a clerk in the drug establishment of R. W. Wells of Waupun and in 1883 he established himself in the drug business, in which he has since successfully continued.

Mr. Patton was united in marriage on September 5, 1883, to Miss Clara M. Seely, who was born in Marquette, Wisconsin, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Seely. The father was engaged in the general practice of law in Waupun for many years and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Patton have one son, Frederic W., who was born July 7, 1884, and after completing his early education in the public schools later pursued a full course in chemical engineering at the Armour Institute of Technology in Chicago and later was a graduate of pharmacy at the Northwestern University in Chicago.



Mr. Patton is affiliated with the republican party and has fraternal relations with Lodge No. 48, F. & A. M., of Waupun, of which he is past master, and is also the present high priest of Waupun Chapter, No. 48, and is a thirty-second degree Mason. He also belongs to the Fraternal Reserve Insurance Company of Wisconsin, of which he is president of the local council at Waupun. Mr. Patton stands high in the business circles of the city in which he lives and is a man whose integrity in business matters has never been questioned. He is one of the enterprising citizens of the county in which he lives and enjoys the good-will and esteem of all his associates.

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#### MICHAEL CASEY.

Michael Casey is one of the well known and prosperous farmers of the town of Emmet, owning and cultivating one hundred and twenty acres of land in his home place, which is situated on section 15 and constitutes a well improved and valuable property. It was upon this farm that he was born September 12, 1850, so that he is numbered among the older of the native sons of the county. His father, James Casey, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, where he grew to manhood and later he was married there to Bridget Shanahan, who was born and reared in the same county. They crossed the Atlantic to the new world about 1835, settling first in Massachusetts, where for five years Mr. Casey served as a watchman in a factory in the town of Lynn. In 1843 he removed westward to Wisconsin, making permanent location in Dodge county, which was then a frontier district in which the work of improvement and development had scarcely been begun. He entered eighty acres of timber land and at once began to clear a portion in order that he might erect thereon a log cabin in the midst of the forest. His home completed, he turned his attention to the further development of the place and acre by acre was brought under the plow. The family experienced the usual hardships and privations of pioneer life while living in this pioneer home during the early years of their residence in the county. Mr. Casey shot his first deer from his own doorway and later killed a great number of deer in this district, beside much other wild game. The feathered denizens of the forest also contributed much to the family board and the streams and lakes of Wisconsin abounded in fish. The settlers, however, had little time to indulge in hunting or fishing as a pastime, using rod or gun only to supply the table. Mr. Casey cleared his land and made an additional purchase of forty acres, so that his farm comprised one hundred and twenty acres. Upon this, as the years advanced, he erected good buildings and there he reared his family and spent his last years, his death occurring in 1889 when he was eighty-six years of age. He had for several years survived his wife, who passed away in 1881.

Michael Casey was the second in order of birth in their family of three sons. His boyhood and youth acquainted him with the usual experiences of pioneer life on the farm. He attended the common schools as opportunity offered and in the summer months worked in the fields, remaining with his father through his minority, later taking charge of the old homestead and ultimately

succeeding to the ownership of the property. He has erected a large two-story residence upon his place, constituting one of the attractive modern homes of the district. He has also added to and remodeled the barn, which when built was one of the best in Dodge county. He likewise has a good house for a tenant upon his place and he uses the latest improved machinery in carrying on the work of the fields. He raises high-grade Holstein cattle, gives some attention to the dairy business and is a stockholder in the Tilden cheese factory. In business affairs his judgment is sound, his discrimination keen and his enterprise unfaltering.

On the 29th of October, 1890, in the town of Emmet, Mr. Casey was united in marriage to Miss Ella Fleming, who was born, reared and educated in the same neighborhood as her husband. They began their domestic life on the old Casey homestead and to them have been born four children: James Thomas, who is assisting in carrying on the home farm; Mary Catherine; Helen; and William John.

In politics Mr. Casey is a democrat and has held several local offices. He served as treasurer of the town of Emmet for one term and after an interval was again elected to that office. He has been a delegate to county conventions and has been officially connected with the schools. His wife and family are members of the Catholic church and in the community where they make their home are highly esteemed, manifesting all the qualities of good citizenship and of individual worth.

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#### JOHN P. ROFFEIS.

John P. Roffeis, who is serving for the second term as a member of the town board of supervisors of Emmet township, is justly numbered with the leading and enterprising farmers of his locality, as is evidenced by the neat and thrifty appearance of his farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which is situated on section 10. The attractiveness of Dodge county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that a large majority of its native sons have been content to remain here, enjoying the advantages here offered and contributing to public progress by their active and helpful interest in public affairs. To this class belongs Mr. Roffeis, who was born in the town of Emmet, February 27, 1875. His father, John Roffeis, was a native of Austria, in which country he grew to manhood and was married. He soon afterward came to the new world, making his way direct to Wisconsin and taking up his abode in Dodge county in 1866. His first purchase of land made him owner of one hundred and twenty acres in the town of Emmet which had been partially cleared and improved. He at once undertook the task of further development and for some years lived upon that place, converting the land into rich and productive fields. After his children were grown he removed to Watertown, where he now resides.

John P. Roffeis was reared upon the old homestead farm and acquired his primary education in the common schools. He afterward attended the Watertown parochial school and when his education was completed he returned to the farm and took charge of the place. He has followed agricultural pursuits

throughout his entire life and practical experience and growing business ability have placed him among the substantial agriculturists of his community. There have been few idle hours in his life. He has always been a busy man and that his labors have been intelligently directed is indicated in the excellent appearance of his place. Since his father removed to Watertown, in 1910, John P. Roffeis has built to and remodeled the house and has also put an addition to the barn. He likewise has a good tool house and granary upon his place and all equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. In addition to tilling the soil he has a herd of high-grade Holstein cattle and is conducting a successful dairy business. He is likewise a stockholder in the Union cheese factory.

Mr. Roffeis was married in Emmet on the 3d of June, 1902, to Miss Mary Kreuziger, who was born and reared on an adjoining farm. They began their domestic life where they still reside and they are well known residents of this locality, having many warm friends in the neighborhood. They have one daughter, Virginia, born July 10, 1910. Their religious belief is indicated by their membership in the Watertown Catholic church.

Politically Mr. Roffeis is a democrat, stalwart in his support of the party. He was elected a member of the town board and after serving for one term was reelected and is now serving for the second term as supervisor of Emmet. He is a careful, conservative, yet progressive business man and citizen and enjoys in full measure the high regard and good-will of all with whom he has come into contact.

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#### LOUIS M. BACHHUBER, M. D.

Dr. Louis M. Bachhuber is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Mayville, and his efforts are attended with excellent results. He is a native of Dodge county, having been born in Farmersville, March 5, 1870. His father, Max Bachhuber, was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 13, 1832, and came to America in 1846. After residing for a time at Addison, Washington county, Wisconsin, he removed to Milwaukee, where he lived until 1855 and then, at the age of twenty-three years, established his home in Leroy, Dodge county. There he owned a farm and also conducted a general store. He likewise held various town offices and was accorded still higher public honor, being elected to the Wisconsin state legislature, in which he served from 1860 until 1864, and was again elected in 1875. For nine years he served as postmaster of Farmersville and then resigned in favor of his wife, who filled the office until 1879. His death occurred on the 2d of February of that year. He was a democrat in his political views and a Catholic in religious faith. In the family were twelve children, three of whom are deceased.

Dr. Bachhuber pursued his education in St. Andrew's parochial school of Leroy and was graduated from the Mayville high school with the class of 1889. He then determined to enter upon the practice of medicine and for that purpose became a student in the medical school of the Northwestern University at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1893. In May of that year he located for practice in Mayville, where he has remained continuously since, and through-

out the intervening years he has kept in touch with advanced scientific methods, thus being able to render effective and resultant service in checking the ravages of disease. He is now state medical examiner for the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, is surgeon for the Northwestern Iron Company of Mayville and for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company in Dodge county, and in addition has an extensive private practice which makes constant demand upon his time and energies.

Dr. Bachhuber was married May 15, 1894, to Miss Alice Griffith, a daughter of Leonard Griffith, of Clark county, Wisconsin, who was a veteran of the Civil war and was incarcerated for some time in Andersonville prison. He served in the Wisconsin cavalry and was most loyal to the cause which he espoused. For some time he followed farming in Clark county but volunteered for the war from Dodge county. He married Amelia Reible and their children included Mrs. Bachhuber, who by her marriage has become the mother of one daughter, Phyllis.

While well known in professional connections, Dr. Bachhuber is also prominent in matters of citizenship, being recognized as a leader in democratic circles in Dodge county. He was elected mayor of Mayville in 1907, again in 1908, and for a third term in 1910, his reelections being strong proof of his capability and fidelity in office. He was also a delegate to the national democratic convention at Baltimore from the Second congressional district in 1912. He holds membership with the Catholic Knights at Mayville and the Knights of Columbus at Fond du Lac, while along strictly professional lines he is connected with the State Medical Society. He holds to a high standard in his professional service and the work which he has accomplished places him in a prominent position among the representatives of the medical profession in Dodge county.

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#### F. S. JACOBS.

F. S. Jacobs has been a resident of Waupun since 1889, since which time he has been engaged in the elevator business, formerly at Atwater, Wisconsin, but since 1906 has had charge of the Farmers Elevator at Waupun. He was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, July 19, 1848, and is a son of Justin and Mahala L. Jacobs, both of whom were natives of New York and who settled in Dodge county, Wisconsin, in 1848. The father was engaged in farming until 1889, when he retired and established his home in Waupun, where the mother died in 1902 and the father in 1911, at the age of ninety-six years and six months. He was one of the well known local preachers of the Methodist church and a man of consistent living and Christian character. In his family were seven children, only two of whom survive: F. S., of this review; and Mrs. A. F. Page, of South Dakota. Two of the sons, Curtis J. and Justin, served in the Civil war, in which the former was killed. Justin was admitted to the bar in 1871 and later became principal of the Waupun school. In 1874 he went to California and in 1892 was elected judge of Kings county, that state, which office he held until 1898. Jane's death occurred while she was a resident of South Dakota and Alice passed away in Waupun. One died in infancy.

F. S. Jacobs was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools. He later pursued a course at Ripon College, Wisconsin, after which he was a student at the State University of Madison. After completing his school years he went to Atwater, Wisconsin, in 1874, and in that city engaged in the grain business. He built a station on the line of the railroad and was there employed as station agent and telephone operator for a number of years. He was also postmaster and served as town clerk until 1900. He built an elevator at Atwater and while engaged as station agent at that place he also conducted a grain and elevator business. In 1900 he sold out the property and traveled on the road buying grain until 1906, when he took charge of the Farmers Elevator Company at Waupun. This company was organized in 1906 with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars divided into one thousand shares of the par value of ten dollars each. The company is a Wisconsin corporation and the first officers were: H. B. Landaal, president; W. F. Pautsch, vice president; M. B. Johnson, secretary; E. A. Marsh, treasurer; and W. D. Pattee, James Whooley and F. C. Hazen, who are also directors. The stock of this company is now divided among four hundred and twenty stockholders, all of whom are farmers, and no stockholder is allowed to have over ten shares of the capital stock. The company has paid a dividend of ten per cent per annum on its capital stock. It has recently spent two thousand dollars in repairs and improvements and now has a capacity of twenty-five thousand bushels. Its present board of directors is as follows: J. W. Kasten, W. D. Pattee, W. H. Towne, W. F. Pautsch, James Whooley, Fred Milhie and A. T. Dunham, of whom J. W. Kasten is president; W. D. Pattee, vice president; W. H. Towne, secretary; and W. F. Pautsch, treasurer.

In 1876 Mr. Jacobs was united in marriage to Mrs. Nettie Bruce, of Atwater, and they are the parents of two children: Justin, who is proprietor of a laundry in Waupun; and May, who is the wife of Oscar H. Anderson, a farmer of Dodge county. Mrs. Jacobs is a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Jacobs is an alderman representing the First ward of Waupun, and fraternally is a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges. He has the distinction of being the oldest grain buyer in his part of the state and is a man held in high esteem by a large circle of friends among whom he is known to be a man of absolute integrity in business transactions and of high moral ideas in private life.

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#### AUGUST J. KOEPSSELL.

August J. Koepsell, proprietor of one of the leading drug stores in Mayville, Wisconsin, was born in Lebanon, on August 12, 1875, and is a son of Ferdinand and Katie (Heller) Koepsell. His father was born in Pommern, Germany, in 1833, and was brought to America when he was only two years of age, the family settling in Lebanon, Dodge county, Wisconsin. He moved to Herman township in 1887 and followed general farming in that section until he retired from active life in 1912. He and his wife are now living in Mayville.

August J. Koepsell was one of a family of twelve children. He received his education in the district schools of Lebanon and later attended the Mayville high school. He served an apprenticeship under E. Sauerhering, a well known druggist, for three and one-half years, and this experience gave a definite bent to his ambition. He resigned his position in order to enter the University of Illinois from which institution he was graduated in 1903. He returned to Mayville and on August 1, of the following year, established himself in the drug business. His success was rapid and after one year's activity he was able to purchase on August 14, 1905, the store operated by Mr. Sauerhering, his former employer. He combined the two enterprises and is now the proprietor of the leading pharmacy in the city. By energy, determination and enterprise, directed along business lines, he has attained a reputation as an active, far-sighted and sagacious business man, whose present prosperity is merely the beginning of a more gratifying future. He owns one of the most prosperous drug stores in Mayville and has won his success by close application to business, earnest labor and practical application of scientific principles.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1905, Mr. Koepsell was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Hening, a daughter of John and Ernestina Hening of Mayville. They became the parents of three children: Florence, whose birth occurred in 1906; Raymond, who was born in 1907; and Edna, who was born in 1909.

Mr. Koepsell is an example of the modern type of business man, shrewd, keen and thoroughly efficient. He has built up the enterprise with which he is connected from the beginning and has made it by straightforward, honorable and intelligent methods one of the leading establishments of its kind in this city.

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#### NATHAN HAESSLY.

Nathan Haessly is secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Theresa, a position which he has held since 1896. His identification with his present line of activity dates from 1895 and the quality of his work and his rapid progress have made him one of the enterprising business men of the village. He is a native son of Fond du Lac county, having been born in Ashford township, March 9, 1868. His father, Jacob Haessly, was one of the pioneers in the settlement of the state of Wisconsin and came to Fond du Lac county from his native state of Pennsylvania in 1848. He followed farming practically all his active life and also did much surveying work, holding the position of county surveyor for over thirty-eight years. He owned one hundred and sixty acres of land in Ashford township which he cultivated and improved along modern lines and upon which he is now living retired. He married Miss Sarah Fitzpatrick, a native of Ohio, of Irish parentage. The parents of our subject are still active and interested in the development of the state to which they came as pioneers. They are still residing upon the homestead.

Nathan Haessly is the youngest in a family of thirteen children. He attended the district schools of his native section and began his active career by conducting a harness business in the village, establishing a shop in 1893. He

managed this business for ten years but in the meantime became identified with the fire insurance business in 1895. In 1897 he was elected secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company and has continued in that office since that time. He is also interested in an up-to-date garage and has the agency for the Buick and Rambler automobiles. In December, 1911, he purchased the flour and feed mill in Theresa and has acted as president of the company since that time. He is treasurer of the Theresa Union Telephone Company and president of the new electric light company and evidences in his conduct of the affairs of these important and representative enterprises the industry, intelligence, discrimination and power of constructive organization which have made his career successful.

In November, 1891, Mr. Haessly was united in marriage in Chicago, to Miss Mary Maue, a native of Ashford township. They have six children, Hilary, Florence, Mildred, Edgar, Priscilla and Caesar.

Mr. Haessly gives his allegiance to the democratic party and is a public-spirited citizen, although he prefers to do his duty in this regard by making his private activities useful in promoting commercial growth and development. He belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Knights of Columbus. He has many friends in Theresa where his business attainments are well known and where his qualities endear him to all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### HERMAN E. KRUEGER.

Herman E. Krueger is a native son of Watertown and has lived his entire life in his home at No. 707 North Fourth street. He is well known in local democratic politics and is serving as assessor, having previously held various other important positions. By discharging his duties ably and efficiently he has made a record as an honest, conscientious, and upright public servant and has become an influential factor in the advancement of his district. He was born April 22, 1868, a son of Adolph and Antonia (Nowack) Krueger, natives of Germany, who came to America, landing at New York. They came west to Wisconsin and settled in Watertown where the father worked at his trade of wagon-making until his death.

Herman Krueger is the seventh in a family of nine children. He received his education in the public schools of Watertown. At the age of sixteen he laid aside his books and obtained a position as clerk for the Bee Hive factory, operated by the G. B. Lewis Company. For seven years he retained this position and was then promoted to the office of foreman of the shipping department, acting in this capacity for eighteen years and doing able, conscientious and effective work.

On June 20, 1893, Mr. Krueger was united in marriage to Miss Lena Habbag, a daughter of Ulrich and Lena (Gfeller) Habbag, natives of Switzerland, who came to America in 1853 and located in Watertown. Three years later they moved to a farm in Polk county, Iowa, upon which they resided until 1867 when they returned to Watertown and established their residence in this city. The father engaged in the general commission business until 1867 when he re-

sumed farming and for two years carried on general agricultural pursuits. In 1869 he again became identified with the commission business and in this continued until 1893 when he retired from active life. He died May 12, 1912, and is buried in Oak Hill cemetery. His wife resides at No. 802 North Fourth street, Watertown. Mrs. Krueger is the fifth in a family of eight children and was born March 3, 1868, in Emmet township. She received her education in the Watertown public schools and remained at home until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Krueger became the parents of three children: Anita, who is a graduate of the Watertown high school, and has taught school for one year; Alice, who resides at home and who will graduate from the Watertown high school with the class of 1913; and Harold, who is a pupil in the public schools.

Mr. Krueger gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has for many years been prominent in local affairs, serving in various important public offices and discharging his duties in an able and practical way. In 1899 he was elected alderman from the Sixth ward and served for six years, acting as president of the city council for two years of that time. In 1905 he was elected supervisor and served four years, entering upon his present office in 1909. Mr. Krueger belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and is a member of the Platt-deutscher Verein. For many years he has been actively interested in the growth and advancement of his native city and has always done his utmost to promote development. He was a member of the volunteer fire department for eighteen years and served as treasurer of that organization for ten. His public career exemplifies the highest political virtues—honesty, conscientiousness, and labor, which is never self-seeking. He has besides an intelligent comprehension of local needs and conditions and a resourceful ability which is the most marked quality of his public service.

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#### GUSTAV R. ROUSSEAU.

Gustav R. Rousseau, postmaster of the village of Theresa and an honored veteran of the Spanish-American war, was born in Pomerania, Germany, on the 25th of February, 1873. He is a son of Charles and Wilhelmina (Moldenhauer) Rousseau, natives of Germany, where the father lived and died. Afterward the mother of our subject married William Beitz and they came to America in October, 1882, settling at Black River Falls, Wisconsin, where they remained for a year and a half. At the end of that time they moved to Brownsville, where they have since resided. William Beitz was a farmer and followed this line of activity from the time of his arrival in America until his retirement. He and his wife have five children, two sons and three daughters.

Gustav R. Rousseau was educated in the district schools of Dodge county and later attended the Mayville high school, graduating from that institution in 1895. He entered Oshkosh Normal, from which he was graduated in 1897 and for eight months afterward taught in the schools of Sheboygan Falls. In 1898 he enlisted in Company C, Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served through the campaign in Porto Rico and was mustered out with honorable discharge, November 15, of the same year. When he returned home he again



engaged in his former profession, teaching in the graded schools of the village of Theresa for four years. For one year he was identified with the Wisconsin Sugar Company and for three years thereafter served as mail carrier. He was village clerk and justice of the peace for some time and was appointed to his present position of postmaster in 1906 and has since served with ability and conscientiousness. He is also conducting an independent fire insurance agency, acting in the interests of several important companies, and is doing, besides able work as secretary of the local fire department.

Mr. Rousseau has been twice married. On January 15, 1903, he wedded Miss Alexa Wiesenbacher, who passed away on the 7th of September, 1905. She was a daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Gigl) Wiesenbacher, the former a prominent liquor dealer in Theresa. To this union was born a daughter, Cynthia, who lives at home. On November 8, 1911, Mr. Rousseau was again married. His second wife was Miss Julia Anninger, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Anninger, the former a foreman in the Marshville Cement Works at Theresa Station.

Mr. Rousseau gives his allegiance to the republican party, and is well known in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen of America. He has a record of six years' successful service as postmaster of the village, bringing to the discharge of his duties a conscientiousness, ability and energy which have made other enterprises with which he is connected prosperous. He gives his active support to movements for the general welfare and is in all things capable of making his public spirit effective for good.

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#### GUSTAV RUECKER.

Gustav Ruecker is conducting a retail meat market in Theresa and has been the proprietor of this enterprise since 1898, during which time he has become well known in business circles of the village as a man of honorable commercial standards and of enterprising spirit. Aside from his meat market he is connected with various important local concerns, including the State Bank of Theresa, of which he is the president and a director. He has been in America since 1892, but was born in Bohemia on the 8th of March, 1865. His father, Wenzel Ruecker, was a harness-maker by trade and followed this line of occupation in the old country until his death, which occurred in 1887. The mother of our subject, who was in her maidenhood Miss Francesca Rudlof, was also a native of Bohemia, and died in that country in 1891.

Gustav Ruecker received an excellent education in the public schools and after laying aside his books learned the butcher's trade. When he was fifteen years of age he began working at this occupation and continued in it until December 2, 1892, when he came to America and settled in Chicago. There he remained for a year and a half before locating in Medford, Wisconsin, whence he went to Phillips and then to Kohlville, in Washington county, working at the butcher's trade in all of these cities. In Kohlville he established himself as an independent merchant and there met with gratifying success for over a year, building up a prosperous and flourishing enterprise during that time. On Janu-

ary 20, 1898, he settled in Theresa and purchased his present store, which he has conducted since that time. His business has expanded yearly under his able management and has grown to be one of the important concerns of its kind in the village. Industry and well directed activity have been factors in his success and have placed him in the ranks of the representative and successful men of Theresa. He does a retail business largely but for the last six or seven years has added to his income by shipping stock to the Chicago markets. He is the president of the Theresa State Bank and a shareholder in that institution, as well as actively interested in various other local enterprises.

On the 15th of October, 1892, Mr. Ruecker was united in marriage in his native land to Miss Mary Zienezker, a native of Bohemia, and they have four children, Richard, Anna, Ludmilla and Gabriela. The family belong to the Roman Catholic church. As the proprietor of a well conducted business and the president of an important bank Mr. Ruecker has become prominent and well known in Theresa and his sterling qualities have gained for him the esteem of those who know him.

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#### HUGH ALEXANDER McCONAGHY.

The energies of the late Hugh Alexander McConaghy were for many years successfully devoted to general farming and stock-raising in Beaver Dam township, where he owned ninety-four acres of well improved land, located on section 18. His life record was begun at Columbus, this state, on the 30th of November, 1850, his parents being Bartholomew and Eliza (O'Harra) McConaghy. The father, who was born and reared in the north of Ireland emigrated to America in his early manhood, locating in New Brunswick, where he followed his trade, which was that of ship-building. There he met and married the mother, who was a native of New Brunswick. In the early period of their married life they removed to Calais, Maine, residing there until 1849, when they came to Wisconsin, which was then known as the western frontier district. They located in Columbia county, but nine years later, in 1858, they became residents of Dodge county. Here the father purchased seventy-three acres of section 18, which formed the nucleus of the homestead of his son, Hugh. The cultivation of this place occupied the attention of the father during the remainder of his active life, his death occurring on his farm, on the 30th of August, 1885, at the age of seventy years. He had long survived the mother, who was forty years old when she passed away on February 11, 1863. They are both buried in the cemetery at South Beaver Dam.

The early life of Hugh Alexander McConaghy was very similar to that of other pioneer lads. In his boyhood he attended the district schools and was trained in the work of the fields and care of the stock, thus qualifying himself for an agricultural career. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age when he joined an uncle at Leavenworth, Kansas, remaining in his employ for three years. At the expiration of that time he went to northern Wisconsin, working in the pineries in the winter and on the farms in that section during the summer months. His next removal was to North Dakota, where

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he filed on a homestead and engaged in farming for himself. Selling his claim in 1880, he started eastward and for five years thereafter resided in Minneapolis. After the death of his father he returned to Dodge county, taking possession of the old homestead in Beaver Dam township. Here he followed diversified farming, stock-raising and dairying. His cattle were a good grade of the Holstein breed, while he raised both Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs. Mr. McConaghy was both enterprising and diligent and subsequently increased his holdings by the purchase of another twenty-one acres. The land was brought under cultivation and well improved during the period of his ownership, and it is now one of the valuable properties of the community. He remodeled the residence, which was built during the lifetime of his father and erected a barn, thirty-four by fifty feet with a cement floor. His entire tract is fenced with barbed wire and all but twenty acres of it under cultivation. Mr. McConaghy passed away on the 25th of November, 1903, but his widow continues to make her home on the farm, which is operated by their son-in-law.

On the 7th of September, 1886, Mr. McConaghy was married to Miss Abigail J. Roberts, a daughter of Owen and Elizabeth (Mason) Roberts. The parents were both natives of south Wales but were married in Marquette county, this state, in 1849. About 1853, they came to Dodge county, purchasing fifty acres of land, in the cultivation of which the father engaged until he passed away in 1863, at the age of thirty-two years. The mother retained the farm until 1882, when she disposed of it, investing the proceeds in a sixty-acre tract in Calamus township. She lived to pass the seventy-third anniversary of her birth, her death occurring in 1895. They were both laid to rest in the cemetery at Beaver Dam. Mrs. McConaghy is the fifth in order of birth in a family of six, her natal day having been the 28th of September, 1859. She is the mother of one daughter, Abbie Bell, who married Harry Welch of Westford, this county, and has one child, Florence Mildred. They reside with the mother on the McConaghy farm.

Mr. McConaghy was a member of the Presbyterian church, as also is his widow, and fraternally he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his political allegiance was accorded to the republican party. A man of estimable qualities he was held in favorable regard in his community, where he had passed the greater period of his life and had many staunch friends.

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#### GEORGE WILLIAM CUTLER.

George William Cutler is now ably discharging the duties devolving upon him in the capacity of city clerk of Horicon, to which position he was elected on the 2d of April, 1912. His birth occurred in Oak Grove township, Dodge county, on the 24th of December, 1877, his parents being Charles and Lizzie (Triden) Cutler. The father was born at North Adams, Massachusetts, in January, 1847, while the mother's birth occurred at Richfield, Wisconsin, on the 11th of July, 1857. Their marriage was celebrated in this state. Charles Cutler came west in company with his parents, who took up their abode near what is now Rolling Prairie, in Oak Grove township, this county. There he grew to manhood and

eventually became a landowner, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career. In his demise, which occurred on the 7th of April, 1887, the community lost one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. His widow still survives and makes her home in Milwaukee. They were the parents of four children, as follows: George William, of this review; Bert, who is employed as a moulder in the Van Brunt factory at Horicon; Marie, the wife of John Evans, who has charge of the stock room at the Van Brunt factory; and Roy, a railroad man who lives with his mother at No. 642 Thirty-sixth street in Milwaukee.

George William Cutler obtained his early education at Rolling Prairie and later continued his studies in the Horicon high school. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. After attaining his majority he worked as a farm hand for one year and subsequently learned the core maker's trade in the Van Brunt factory, where he has been retained to the present time as an efficient and faithful employee.

On the 1st of January, 1902, Mr. Cutler was united in marriage to Miss Anna Olson, who was born near Willmar, Kandiyohi county, Minnesota, on the 26th of February, 1875, her parents being Ole Rasmussen and Stena (Christensen) Rasmussen, natives of Denmark. They emigrated to the United States at an early day, locating in Minnesota, where Mrs. Rasmussen still resides. The father, however, passed away in Denmark, in 1878, while on a visit to his native land. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cutler have been born five children, as follows: Gladys L., whose birth occurred on the 7th of September, 1902, and who died in infancy; Harold, who was born on the 12th of October, 1903; Eva Marie, whose natal day was November 7, 1906; Charles Frederick, who was born on the 26th of November, 1910, and died on the 9th of March, 1911; and Francis Walter, twin brother of Charles Frederick.

Politically Mr. Cutler is an independent democrat and at local elections casts his ballot in support of the men and measures that he deems will best conserve the general welfare. On the 2d of April, 1912, he was elected city clerk and is now filling that position in a highly satisfactory and commendable manner. He belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and acts as secretary of the local organization. In the community where his entire life has been spent he enjoys an enviable reputation as a representative and respected citizen.

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#### JULIUS W. FALK.

Julius W. Falk is operating in Mayville the oldest creamery in Dodge county and is numbered among the men of the district who are representative of the highest and most upright business standards. His enterprise was founded in 1881 and has been operated continuously since that time, Mr. Falk assuming ownership in 1905. By reason of his expert training in butter and cheese-making and his business ability and shrewdness, he has made the concern expand along modern lines of development, until it is not only the oldest but also one of the most important in the county. Mr. Falk was born near Lima, Ohio, June 16,

1872, a son of Carl and Wilhelmina (Huptke) Falk, natives of Germany. His father came to America in 1871 but returned to his native country in the fall of the following year, remaining there until 1883 when he returned to the United States and settled in Mayville with his family. He is now residing in Kekoskee, where he engages in work of various kinds.

Julius W. Falk is the youngest in a family of five children. He attended the public schools of Kekoskee and when he laid aside his books, worked upon a farm for a number of years. In 1890 he learned the cheese and butter-making trade and has been connected with the operation of enterprises along this line since that time. He spent some years in Greenwood, Clark county, and came to Mayville in 1905, where he established himself in the dairy business at his present location. Mr. Falk has managed this concern in a progressive and enterprising way and has earned a place among the representative citizens of Mayville by reason of his business ability and his upright commercial standards.

On November 20, 1900, Mr. Falk was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Fitchlscherer, a daughter of Franz and Barbara Fitchlscherer, natives of Germany. They are now residing in Waupun, Wisconsin, where the father is engaged in the brewing business. Mr. and Mrs. Falk have six children, Frank, Margaret, Clarence, Rosa, Julia and Edward.

Mr. Falk is well known in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen of America and is a prominent figure in business circles of Mayville. He has invested his money judiciously, mostly in real estate, and has a number of town lots in the village in which he resides, as well as eighty acres of land in Clark county. He gives his allegiance to the republican party and is now serving as alderman from the third ward, discharging his public duties ably and conscientiously and always with a view to serving the best interests of his fellow citizens.

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#### CLARENCE A. WHEELER.

Clarence A. Wheeler, a well known and enterprising representative of agricultural interests in Dodge county, has spent his entire life within its borders and resides on the farm in Williamstown township where he was born. His birth occurred on the 1st of August, 1865, his parents being Alfred and Mary (Brodt) Wheeler, both of whom were natives of New York. The father, who was born in 1824, came to Wisconsin with his brother in 1844 and purchased two hundred and twenty-seven and three-fourths acres in Williamstown township, this county, where he established his home and where all of his children were born. His brother purchased more than six hundred and forty acres of land here. Alfred Wheeler improved his property, erected substantial and commodious buildings and here spent the remainder of his life, passing away on the 20th of September, 1911. He was among the very earliest settlers of this county and lived here for two-thirds of a century, gaining an enviable reputation as an agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen. His wife was called to her final rest in 1886. To them were born five children, as follows: Lavina, deceased; John, a resident of Kekoskee, Wisconsin; Leonard, who has passed away; Clarence A., of this review; and Flora, deceased.

Clarence A. Wheeler attended the schools of his native township in the acquirement of an education and subsequently assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. On attaining his majority he rented the place from his father and after the latter's demise received sixty-three and three-fourths acres as his share of the estate. He devotes his attention principally to dairy farming and has twenty-six head of high-grade Holstein cattle.

On the 2d of May, 1893, Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Schultz, a daughter of William and Albertina Schultz, who came to the United States from Germany in 1872 and took up their abode among the early settlers of Dodge county, Wisconsin. To our subject and his wife have been born six children, namely: Leslie, whose birth occurred on the 27th of November, 1895; Harvey, whose natal day was March 2, 1899; Edgar, who was born on the 2d of May, 1902; Leora, born October 2, 1904; Clarence, who was born on the 21st of June, 1909, and passed away on the 9th of December, 1909; and Hazel, born June 20, 1912.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Wheeler has cast his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. His life has been one of continuous activity, and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his community.

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#### JOHN A. LOEHRKE.

John A. Loehrke has been engaged in the hotel business in Mayville since 1903 and has been connected with the management of the Grand Hotel as proprietor for two years. This is a well kept hostelry with all the convenient features found in the finer modern hotels and Mr. Loehrke's able conduct of the enterprise entitles him to be ranked among the representative business men of the village. A fine livery which he operates in connection with the hotel is an important extension of his interests and his management of this establishment also has reflected credit upon his business ability. He is a native of Wisconsin, born at Ashford, Fond du Lac county, on the 12th of August, 1867. His father, John Loehrke, is a native of Germany, and came to America in 1840. He settled immediately in Fond du Lac county and there purchased one hundred and four acres of land and began its improvement and cultivation. Both he and him a substantial profit.

John Loehrke of this review, is one of a family of five children. He was reared at home and educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac county and in the Ashford high school. When he completed his studies he became connected with the Milwaukee Street Railway Company, retaining his position for six years. When he left Milwaukee he went to Minnesota Junction and there worked as an engineer in the mills for some time. In 1898 he became engaged in a similar position in a sawmill in Forest county and in 1900 settled in Mayville. Here he took charge of the city electric light plant and for three years did able work in this capacity, abandoning it in 1903 in order to give his attention to the management of the Beaumont Hotel which he had purchased. This

enterprise he operated until 1910 when he bought the Grand Hotel which he has since conducted. He pays special attention to the comfort and convenience of his guests and strives in every way to make his hostelry modern and up-to-date in every department. In this he has succeeded to a gratifying degree. The livery business which he operates in connection with the hotel is also bringing him a substantial profit.

On November 14, 1908, Mr. Loehrke was united in marriage to Miss Ida Marohl, a daughter of August Marohl, a native of Germany, who farmed in Wisconsin for a number of years. He has now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Loehrke have one daughter, Esther, who lives at home. Mr. Loehrke is well known in business circles of Mayville as an enterprising, progressive and straight-forward man. As proprietor of the Grand Hotel he has made many friends outside of this district among the guests who have been his patrons, and his geniality and his sterling qualities have gained for him the esteem of all who know him.

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#### EMIL M. UEHLING.

Emil M. Uehling is cultivating and developing the farm in Shields township upon which he was born and by progressive and practical methods has made it one of the valuable properties in this district. He owns one hundred and forty-five acres on section 24, adjoining the village of Richwood, and has other important business connections in this part of Wisconsin. A native of Dodge county and the son of a pioneer in its settlement, Mr. Uehling was born upon the homestead July 26, 1851. His father, Frederick Uehling, was a native of Saxony, Germany, and grew to manhood and married in that country. He was a butcher by trade and followed that occupation in Saxony for a number of years. In 1847 he crossed the Atlantic to America and came directly west to Wisconsin, where he made a permanent location in Dodge county. Here he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of wild timber land and in partnership with a neighbor cleared the dense growth of trees and from the lumber cut down built a log cabin in which he resided for some time. After a short period Mr. Uehling purchased his partner's interest in the land and gave his entire attention to its further improvement and development. By hard labor and unremitting industry he gradually cleared the entire tract, to which he later added eighty acres. Little by little this land was also brought under the plow and improvements made upon it. A sawmill was erected near Richwood and Mr. Uehling was successful in the conduct of this enterprise. He sawed all kinds of lumber and as his financial resources grew he installed a set of burrs and converted his mill into a grist and flour mill. This enterprise he managed for a number of years and met with well deserved prosperity. He raised a large family in Dodge county and died in this section in the fall of 1892. His widow, Margaret (Krug) Uehling, survives him and has reached the ninety-fourth year of her age.

Emil M. Uehling is one of a family of eight sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to maturity. He was reared upon his father's property and his childhood was similar to that of most farmers' boys with the exception of the fact that his educational advantages were more extensive. He attended the



common schools of his native section and also studied under a private tutor whom his father employed for the family. This was later supplemented by a two years' course in the Northwestern University at Watertown, and when Mr. Uehling finally laid aside his books he was well equipped in training and education to face the world. He remained upon his father's farm for several years, aiding in its operation, and after renting the property for a time purchased it and has since given his entire time to its development and improvement. He remodeled the buildings which were already upon the property and made improvements on the house and besides constructed two new barns and a silo with a cement floor, one of the first of its kind ever erected in Shields township. Mr. Uehling carries on general farming and is likewise extensively interested in stock-raising, breeding and fattening registered Holstein cattle, of which he has a herd of forty-five, with a fine registered animal at its head. For a number of years Mr. Uehling has been conducting a model dairy upon his farm and uses the products of this branch of his enterprise in a cheese factory which he established and which he conducts along modern lines. He was one of the promoters of the Farmers Elevator Company of Richwood, which a few years ago burned down. He is numbered justly among the successful and enterprising farmers and the able and progressive business men and public-spirited citizens of Dodge county.

On May 7, 1877, Mr. Uehling was united in marriage to Miss Alicia B. Volkert, a daughter of Adam Volkert, a pioneer in the settlement of Dodge county. Mrs. Uehling was born and reared in this section and remained at home until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Uehling became the parents of four children: Max, who passed away at the age of four years; Emmeline, who married Otto Roenius, of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, by whom she has two children, Carl and Elizabeth; Otto L., who is married and resides upon the home farm with his wife and daughter Dorothy; and Frances, who lives at home.

Mr. Uehling gives his allegiance to the democratic party but has never been active politically in the sense of office seeking. Since the beginning of his career he has been closely connected with agricultural interests in Dodge county and has gained a degree of success which makes him individually prosperous and a factor in the general development of this section.

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#### JOSEPH N. WELSCH.

Joseph N. Welsch, who has owned and operated a livery stable in Mayville for the past four years, was born in Lomira township, this county, March 28, 1882. He is a son of Leonard Welsch, for many years identified with the agricultural development of Lomira, but a native of Erie, Pennsylvania. The grandparents were born in Germany but in early life they came to the United States, becoming residents of the Keystone state. The mother, whose maiden name was Theresa Marx, is also of German extraction.

The eldest child in a family of four, Joseph N. Welsch was reared at home and at the usual age began his education in the common schools of his native township. Having resolved to adopt a commercial career, he later went to

Milwaukee and took a course in a business college, remaining in that city for six years. His first position was that of bookkeeper for the Milwaukee Coliseum Company, following which he entered the employ of the Southwest Coal Company in the capacity of timekeeper. In 1908, he returned to Dodge county and established a livery stable at Mayville. His barn is well equipped and conducted and as it is the only enterprise of the kind in the town he is doing a profitable business.

In September, 1908, Mr. Welsch married Miss Mary Braun, a daughter of John and Anna Braun, natives of Germany, but now residents of Fond du Lac county, this state, where the father engages in farming. They are the parents of two daughters, Alice and Gertrude.

In matters of religious faith, Mr. and Mrs. Welsch are consistent members of the Roman Catholic church. Although his connection with the business interests of Mayville has been comparatively short, it has been of sufficient length to enable Mr. Welsch to manifest those qualities which entitle him to the respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen. As a citizen he is public-spirited and progressive, while in matters of business he is trustworthy and reliable, conducting his transactions in an honest and upright manner.

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#### WILLIAM D. STACY.

That William D. Stacy has done effective work as justice of the peace and gained the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens by conscientious and able administration of the affairs under his charge is evidenced by the fact that he has been reelected to office again and again and has a record of thirty-two years of continuous and faithful service. During this time he has been honored in this district as a judge possessed of a broad-minded tolerance which is not leniency and a courage of conviction which is not ostentatious. Since 1881 he has filled his present position and the quality of his work has effectively demonstrated his fitness. He has been a resident of Wisconsin since he was eight years of age but was born in Lindsay, Victoria county, Ontario, February 10, 1839, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Dwyer) Stacy, the former a native of County Wexford, Ireland, and the latter of County Tipperary. The paternal grandparents, Joseph and Mary (Murphy) Stacy, lived all their lives in County Wexford and died in that section. They had four children, William, Benjamin, Mary and Clarissa. Joseph Stacy was a devout member of the Presbyterian church, while his wife was an adherent of the Roman Catholic religion. The maternal grandparents of our subject were John and Nancy (Commons) Dwyer, also natives of Ireland, who moved to Canada at an early date and died in that country. They had a large family of children, among whom were Thomas, William, Mary, Catherine, Julia, Grace, Ann and Margaret.

The father of our subject, Benjamin Stacy, was reared in Ireland upon a farm and early in life learned the tailoring trade, which he followed for some years in his native country. Crossing the Atlantic, he landed in Canada, settling in Quebec in 1824. There he bought a small tract of land, upon which

he lived until he moved to Ontario, where he purchased a farm of two hundred acres, which he afterward improved and developed. For seven or eight years he conducted a general store at Lindsay and met with well deserved success. For some years his income was increased by the rent of a brewery which he built as an investment but this, together with his store, was later destroyed by fire. He disposed of what property remained and in 1847 came to Dodge county, settling upon a farm in Emmet township, which he developed until his death in 1873, when he was almost seventy-seven years of age. He was a man of broad culture and of excellent education and his interests lay largely along lines of progress in methods of public-school development. He demonstrated the force of some of his ideas while serving as school superintendent and did much able work in this capacity. He and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic church and always devout adherents of its doctrines. They had twelve children, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: William D., of this review; Mary, deceased; Benjamin, a resident of Waukesha county; Margaret, the wife of John Darcy, of Clyman township; Clarissa, deceased; and Joseph J., of Rossland, British Columbia.

William D. Stacy was eight years of age when he came to Dodge county, and there he grew to manhood upon his father's farm. The traditions in his family and the example set him by his father taught him the value of an education and he improved every opportunity to increase his knowledge. He attended the district schools and read constantly when not at work in the fields, and when he was nineteen years of age commenced making practical use of his learning by teaching in the public schools. For over twenty years he followed this occupation and during that time instructed many children in the specified branches, as well as in the comprehension of the true value and advantage of culture and education. He moved to Jefferson county in 1865, and lived upon a farm in Watertown township from that date until 1873. It was not until 1881, however, that he abandoned teaching, being elected in that year justice of the peace for the first time and entering upon a period of thirty-two years of faithful service. His judgments are known to be fair-minded and tolerant and his standards of integrity high, and his fellow citizens have rewarded his intelligent work by retaining him in office and at the same time have benefited themselves by securing a competent and just official.

On the 11th of September, 1865, Mr. Stacy was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, who was born in Watertown township, September 5, 1845, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Hughes (Reynolds) Fitzpatrick, natives of Ireland, the former born in County Wexford and the latter in County Louth. Mrs. Stacy's paternal grandparents were Morgan and Mary (Carroll) Fitzpatrick. Her parents came to America about the year 1845 and settled first in Gardiner, Maine, coming from that state to Watertown, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Stacy was the only child born to their union. To Mr. and Mrs. Stacy seven children were born: Benjamin, who passed away when he was twenty-eight years of age; William, who is a printer in Watertown and who married Miss Catherine Ryan, by whom he has three children; Edward, who is superintendent of a candy factory in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and who married Miss Anna Jones, by whom he has five children, Ruth, Benjamin, Anna, Edna and William; Frank J., who has charge of a candy factory

in Fort Worth, Texas, and who married Miss Mary Enright, by whom he has two children; Mary J., who was a teacher in the public schools of Watertown and whose death occurred when she was twenty-seven years of age; Clement S., who is engaged in the grocery business in Waterloo, Wisconsin, and who married Miss Anna Green, by whom he has three children, Clement, Frank and Gerald; and Bessie, who married Julius Podolske, of Watertown, by whom she has three children, Richard S., Joseph and Edward A.

Mr. Stacy is one of the foremost men in Watertown at the present time, by virtue of his position and by reason of his qualities and standards. The character of his interests is manifested by the nature of the work to which he has devoted his energies, his school-teaching and his public life, in both of which he has given his attainments and knowledge to the service of others.

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#### FRED HELLING.

Fred Helling, engaged in the cultivation of an excellent farm of eighty acres in Williamstown township, has lived thereon throughout his entire life, his birth occurring on the 22d of May, 1869. His parents were Fred and Dora (Dehring) Helling, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born on the 12th of January, 1827, and the latter on the 20th of September, 1829. It was about 1855 that Fred Helling, Sr., emigrated to the United States, coming to Wisconsin and purchasing land near Chester, Dodge county. He resided there for about four years and then purchased land in the town of Theresa, where he made his home for about six years. About 1868 he purchased the farm of eighty acres which is now in possession of our subject, continuing to reside thereon until within two years of his death. His last days were spent in Mayville, where he passed away in February, 1898, after a residence of more than four decades in this county. He had won success in his undertakings as an agriculturist and was widely recognized as a substantial and esteemed citizen of the community. It was about 1857 that he wedded Miss Dora Dehring, who had emigrated to this country with her sisters and located in Wisconsin. Her demise occurred on the 23d of May, 1885. She became the mother of nine children, five of whom survive, as follows: Mary, who is the wife of Charles Bonack, of Williamstown township, Dodge county; Anna, who gave her hand in marriage to Louis Kurtz, of Mayville, Wisconsin; Fred, of this review; Emma, who is the widow of Fred Steitz and resides in Mayville; and Frank, living in Williamstown township.

Fred Helling obtained his education in the district schools and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the work of the home farm until the latter's retirement. At that time the entire management of the property devolved upon him and he has since operated the same on his own account. The place comprises eighty acres and is well improved in every particular. He has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and golden harvests annually reward his labors.

On the 5th of November, 1895, Mr. Helling was united in marriage to Miss Lina Spiegelberg, a daughter of August and Augusta (Carrow) Spiegelberg,

both of whom were natives of Prussia, Germany. August Spiegelberg emigrated to the United States in May, 1868, and Augusta Carrow crossed the Atlantic in July following. They settled in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and were here married on the 17th of November, 1869. Mr. Spiegelberg, an agriculturist by occupation, bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres three years after his arrival in this country, being busily engaged in its operation until March, 1900. At that time he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Kekoskee, Wisconsin, where he passed away on the 10th of May, 1900. His wife is still living. They had six children, four of whom survive, namely: George, who is a resident of Brownsville, Wisconsin; Mrs. Lina Helling; Emil, who makes his home in Montana; and Darwin, living in Brownsville, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Helling have two children, as follows: Arno, whose birth occurred on the 2d of July, 1896; and Alfons, who was born on the 10th of June, 1904.

Mr. Helling gives a general allegiance to the democratic party but often casts his ballot independently in support of the men and measures he deems best fitted to conserve the general welfare. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church at Mayville. He is respected in the community where his entire life has been spent, being known as a man of upright principles and industrious habits who conducts all of his transactions in an honorable manner.

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#### JOHN MUTH.

John Muth is living retired in his pleasant home at No. 608 Division street, Watertown. For fifty-six years he was engaged in the cigar-making trade in this city, spending thirty-three years of this time as foreman of the shop operated by a Mr. Wiggenhorn. He had special training and natural ability and soon became known as an expert workman as well as an honorable and straightforward business man. He was born in Nassau, Germany, October 16, 1838, a son of Philip and Caroline (Heck) Muth, natives of the fatherland, who came to America in 1840, settling in New Orleans, Louisiana. Subsequently the subject of this review and his mother returned to Germany on account of the latter's failing health, but in 1848 they again came to America and joined the father, who had remained in New Orleans working as a tailor. In 1849 Philip Muth, having met with indifferent success in the south, came to the northern states with the intention of finding a suitable place to establish himself. Returning in order to join his family, he died on a boat on Lake Michigan and was buried when the vessel reached Milwaukee, in 1852. His wife and son came to Watertown and located in that city, where the mother died in 1908.

John Muth is the eldest in a family of five children. He received his education in the public schools of Watertown and when he had completed his studies learned the cigar-making trade. In this line he continued until his retirement in 1905, being employed for thirty-three years as foreman of a shop belonging to Mr. Wiggenhorn. His activities in this line were only once inter-

rupted. On August 12, 1862, he enlisted for the Civil war in Company E, Twentieth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served until July 14, 1865, on which date he was mustered out at Galveston, Texas, with the rank of sergeant.

In April, 1860, Mr. Muth was united in marriage to Miss Mary Biesner, who was born in New York city, May 15, 1841. Her parents were natives of Germany and came to America shortly after their marriage, settling in New York, where they remained until 1853. In that year they came to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and located in Columbus, whence in 1859 they came to Watertown, where both passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Muth are the parents of five children: Amelia, who married Gustaf Scherz, of Milwaukee; Matilda, who married D. Cannon, of Janesville, by whom she has one child; Mary, the wife of William Tannhauser, of Madison, Wisconsin, by whom she has two children, Ruth and Gertrude; Ida, who married O. W. Kipp, of Milwaukee, by whom she has one child; and John, who resides at home with his parents.

Mr. Muth is a member of the Cigar Makers' Benevolent Association, and prominent in the affairs of O. D. Pease Post, No. 94, G. A. R., Department of Wisconsin. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and actively and intelligently interested in public affairs. He served for two terms as alderman and for one term as bond commissioner from the second ward and also held the position of alderman for two terms from the sixth ward of Watertown. In the sixth ward he also served as supervisor, bringing to the discharge of his official duties the same intelligent activity, conscientiousness and industry which made his business career successful. He has many friends in Watertown who respect him for his high qualities of mind and character and esteem him as a representative and worthy business man as well as an honored veteran of the Civil war.

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#### WILLIAM E. SPIERING.

William E. Spiering is the well known owner and publisher of the Waupun Democrat and is numbered among the influential and well respected citizens of Dodge county. He was born in Mayville, Wisconsin, March 15, 1877, and is a son of Henry and Augusta (Springer) Spiering, both of whom were natives of Germany. The former, when a child, emigrated with his parents to America in 1841 and settled in Milwaukee. The latter came with her parents to America in 1849 and settled in Dodge county, Wisconsin. Carl Spiering, the paternal grandfather, removed from Milwaukee to Mayville, where he settled in 1843 and was the first man to build a brick house in Dodge county. The land upon which he established his home was an unredeemed wilderness, which by hard toil gradually became transformed into fertile lands, on which for many years Carl Spiering was successfully engaged in farming. Henry Spiering, the father, was a boy four years old when he came with his parents to the United States. He received his early education at home and after passing the required examination before the court was later admitted to the Wisconsin bar. He was the founder of the Dodge County Pioneer in 1875, which was the first German paper published at that time west of Milwaukee. He later sold the Pioneer and some

time after established the Mayville News in 1892, which he sold in 1907. Both of these papers are still published and are among the influential weekly publications of Dodge county. Mr. Spiering was for three terms a member of the state legislature and he was honored by being elected to almost every city office in Mayville. To Mr. Spiering and his wife thirteen children were born, ten of whom are living. The mother of the family still lives at Mayville, Wisconsin.

William E. Spiering was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools in Mayville. He then became a pupil in Wartburg Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa, and was later a student at Waverly, Iowa. After completing his education he engaged with his father in the newspaper business. He then established the Lomira Review at Lomira, Wisconsin, in 1901, and sold out in 1902, after which time he traveled in various parts of the country until 1908, when he came to Waupun, buying an interest in the Waupun Democrat in 1910 and later, in 1912, he purchased the remaining interest held by other parties, since which time he has been sole owner and publisher of the Waupun Democrat. That journal was established in 1900 by William A. Wells and its first number appeared on March 9, of that year. Mr. Wells sold the paper to Powell & Sandborn in October, 1901, and by them it was published until 1908, at which time Mr. Sandborn retired from the business and Mr. Powell continued the publication until December, 1910. In that year Professor Hubble and William E. Spiering bought the paper and continued its publication in copartnership until 1911, when Mr. Hubble retired and in 1912 sold his interest in the paper to William E. Spiering, who has since successfully continued its publication as a weekly.

Mr. Spiering was united in marriage on November 27, 1903, to Agnes Boucher, of Menominee, Michigan, and they have a family of two children: Melbourne, who died in infancy; and Ottilia, at home. Mr. Spiering is independent in politics and is fraternally connected with Lodge No. 48, F. & A. M., at Waupun, Wisconsin. He and his family are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Spiering, as owner and editor of the Waupun Democrat, is one of the influential citizens of the county in which he resides and is a man whose well known reputation for integrity in business and uprightness of character places him among the citizens who by consistent living is numbered among the useful members of the community in which he lives.

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#### BYRON BARWIG.

The business interests of Mayville are ably represented in the person of Byron Barwig, whose family has for nearly half a century been prominently identified with the industrial and political development of the town. His fellow townsmen have repeatedly honored him by calling him to the highest office in the municipality, the duties of which he has discharged with the same efficiency and distinction as his father, who was the second mayor of the town. He is a native of the state, his birth having occurred in the city of Milwaukee, on the 29th of July, 1862, and is a son of the late Charles Barwig, Sr. The father was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, his natal day being the 19th of March, 1837.

and there he passed the first eight years of his life. Together with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barwig, he emigrated to the United States in 1845, coming direct to Wisconsin. The family located in Milwaukee, which at that time was only a small village, and there Charles Barwig was reared to manhood and educated. After leaving the public school he entered the Spencerian Business College, being graduated from that institution in 1857. On January 8, of the same year, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Schwartzburg, mother of our subject. The first eight years of their domestic life they passed in Milwaukee, but at the expiration of that time they came to Mayville, locating here in 1865. Here Mr. Barwig established a distillery and wholesale liquor house, which he profitably conducted until 1888, when he sold out to his sons, Charles A. and Byron, who continued the business under the firm name of Barwig Brothers, his energies during the remainder of his active life being devoted to the real-estate business. He was not only a business man of more than average discernment and sagacity but by reason of his foresight and sound judgment served the community most efficiently in various official capacities. During the pioneer days he was chairman of the municipal board and president of the village, and subsequently had the distinction of being the second mayor of the town, serving for two terms in this capacity. He was also president of the school board for many years and was at one time a member of the board of county supervisors. He achieved more than a local reputation both as a public official and business man, and in the late '80s was elected to represent the second district of Wisconsin in the United States congress, being retained in office for three consecutive terms. Fraternally he had attained high rank in the Masonic order, being a member of Mayville Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M.; Horicon Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M.; Fond du Lac Commandery, No. 5, K. T.; and the Consistory of Milwaukee. To Mr. and Mrs. Barwig there were born five children, our subject being the third in order of birth. The other members of the family are as follows: Emilie, the widow of Fred Schwartz; Charles A., who is a resident of Wausau; and George and Robert, of Chicago. The mother passed away on October 9, 1909, and the father on the 16th of February, 1912. He had attained the age of seventy-four years, ten months and twenty-seven days, and as he possessed an exceptionally fine constitution had until a short time prior to his demise been in good health and escaped all of the infirmities of old age. Two successive strokes of paralysis, however, terminated a long and useful career, removing from the business circles of Mayville one of its most estimable and highly respected citizens, to whose enterprise and public spirit it is largely indebted for its progress and development.

Reared in a home of comfortable circumstances the boyhood and youth of Byron Barwig was noticeably free from the hardships and privations which fell to the lot of many of the sons of Dodge county's pioneers. He was educated in the local schools, and upon his graduation from the high school terminated his student days and began his business career. From that time until 1888 he was associated with his father, but in the latter year together with his brother, Charles A., he purchased the business, which they conducted in partnership until 1902. Byron Barwig then bought his brother's interest, and has since continued the business alone, retaining the old firm name of Barwig Brothers, however. He has been very successful in the development of his inter-



ests and is identified with various local enterprises and in 19 vice president of the State Bank of Mayville, the duties of w discharged from 1908 to 1910.

In Chicago, Illinois, on the 30th of November, 1892, Mr. Barwig in marriage to Miss Mary Rahlfs, a daughter of George and Rahlfs. The father is now deceased but the mother is still living Mrs. Barwig have been born two daughters and a son, in the f Adele Elisabeth, Elsa Marie and Byron Ralph.

Mr. Barwig is a prominent member of the Masonic order, with Mayville Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M.; Horicon Chapter, No Fond du Lac Commandery, No. 5, K. T.; and the consistory His allegiance in matters politic he accords to the democratic p early manhood has taken an active and helpful interest in m In 1888, he accompanied his father to Washington in the capaci He remained there for two years and during that time obtained : modern political methods which has proven invaluable to him. official career on the 7th of April, 1896, when he took the oath of : serving two years. He was reelected in 1904 and again in 1906, years, beginning in 1900, he was a member of the circuit court jur. was a delegate to the democratic convention held in Denver in 11 member of the committee appointed to notify W. J. Bryan of his the presidency. He has always taken a deep interest in all matte port and in 1906 and 1907 was vice president of the Dodge County tion. The year following he was elected president, retaining t 1911. For twenty-one years he was president of the Northwest ciation, having been elected to this office in 1889, his long period : ing no doubt as to his general fitness for the office and the efficie he fulfilled his duties. Mr. Barwig is a man with marked powers : practical views and well conceived ideas, which he executes with and decisiveness characteristic of one of positive aim and de Whatever he undertakes is given intelligent consideration, as he thing which is worthy of his efforts merits his highest endeavors.

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#### REV. JOHN H. TIETEMA.

Rev. John H. Tietema has been pastor of the Dutch Refor Randolph for one year and has become widely recognized as a z divine. His birth occurred in the Netherlands in 1869, his parent and Anna (Leppers) Tietema. The father, who was born in t on the 15th of May, 1836, emigrated to the United States in 11 at Orange City, Iowa, where he worked as a printer. Subsequ the ministry, being ordained by the Sioux City Presbytery in 1 charge was at Greenleafston, Minnesota. His demise occurred t April, 1898, at Bemis, South Dakota, where he had resided but was on the 7th of June, 1865, that he wedded Miss Anna Leppers, on the 18th of January, 1841, her parents being Garrett and A

Leppers, of the Netherlands. She is still living and makes her home at Baldwin, Wisconsin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kasper Tietema were born eight children. Garrett, whose birth occurred on the 7th of March, 1866, died in 1872 and was buried in the Netherlands. Lubertus, whose natal day was March 8, 1867, married Miss Bertha Vanzanten and resides at Slayton, Minnesota. John H., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Arie, who was born on the 13th of February, 1870, died in 1891 and was buried at Bemis, South Dakota. William, who was born on the 26th of December, 1871, makes his home at Baldwin, Wisconsin. Garrett, whose birth occurred on the 10th of August, 1874, passed away in Waukesha. Anna, born October 16, 1876, resides at Baldwin, Wisconsin. Albert J., who was born on the 2d of February, 1880, married Miss Elizabeth Feenhuis and established his home at Bemis, South Dakota. He met death by accident, being drowned while in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

John H. Tietema who, as a youth of thirteen, accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, was educated at McAllester College, in St. Paul, Minnesota, and received his diploma in 1899. In that year he was ordained by the Aberdeen (S. D.) Presbytery and was given a charge at Bemis, South Dakota, where he acted as pastor of the Presbyterian church until the fall of 1902. Subsequently he spent five years in the town of Alto, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and then removed to Sheboygan Falls, this state, where he served as pastor of the Dutch Reformed church for four years. In January, 1912, he came to Randolph, Wisconsin, and became pastor of the Dutch Reformed church here, since which time his labors have been a forceful element in the moral development of the community. He is a member of the Synod of Chicago and the Classis of Wisconsin of the Dutch Reformed church.

On the 2d of July, 1902, Rev. Tietema was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Flipse, her parents being Dennis and Anna (Kappers) Flipse, natives of Cedar Grove, Wisconsin. From that point Mr. Flipse removed to Baldwin, Wisconsin. Rev. and Mrs. Tietema have two children, namely: Ruth Johanna, who was born at Sheboygan Falls, on the 15th of September, 1909; and Casper John, whose birth occurred at Randolph, Wisconsin, on the 14th of March, 1912.

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#### OWEN HARTT.

Owen Hartt follows diversified farming and stock-raising in Calamus township, where he owns two hundred acres of land on section 17. He is a son of Edward and Mary (Lonergan) Hartt, and has always resided in Dodge county; his birth having here occurred, March 1, 1867. The father was born in Ireland in 1837 and there passed the first nineteen years of his life. Feeling that conditions in America afforded better opportunities for enterprising young men, he emigrated to the United States in 1856, and thereafter made this country his home. The first year of his residence in the new world was passed in New Jersey, but at the expiration of that time he continued his journey westward to Wisconsin. He came direct to Beaver Dam and for a time worked as a section hand on the railroad. He subsequently turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, first locating on a farm in Beaver Dam township. From there he removed to a farm in the vicinity of the present site of South Beaver Dam,

where he passed the remainder of his life. The mother, who is also a native of Ireland, came to the United States in 1864 and was married in Beaver Dam. To this worthy couple there were born nine children. Owen, of this review, is the eldest. Nellie, who was born in 1869, is the wife of Frank Thurston, a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Agnes, who died at the age of twenty-one years, is buried in St. Patrick's cemetery, at Beaver Dam. Jennie, who was born in 1873, is the wife of William Welch, a resident of Beaver Dam. Elizabeth, who was born in 1875, became the wife of Louis Zinke, of Beaver Dam. Annie, who was born in 1877, is a resident of Milwaukee, this state. Edward, whose birth occurred in 1879, resides in Fall River, Wisconsin. Laura, who was born in 1881, and Margaret, whose natal year was 1886, are living at home with the mother. The father passed away in 1889 and was buried in St. Patrick's cemetery. He was one of the well known pioneer agriculturists of this section of the county and during the long period of his residence had made many friends.

There was nothing of an unusual nature to distinguish the boyhood and youth of Owen Hartt from those of other lads who were born and reared in this section of Wisconsin during the formative period of Dodge county. About the time he began his education in the district schools he began his preliminary training as an agriculturist by assisting with the lighter duties about the home farm. Upon laying aside his text-books, he gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits, remaining under the parental roof until qualified to start out for himself. He has met with success in his chosen field of activity and now holds the title to two hundred acres of land, one hundred and forty of which are under cultivation. In connection with the cultivation of his fields he is engaged in raising graded stock, thus materially augmenting his annual income.

In 1893, Mr. Hartt was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sheedy, who was born in Ireland in 1867, a daughter of Thomas Sheedy, also a native of the Emerald isle. She came alone to this country, coming direct to Beaver Dam, where she joined an uncle, with whom she made her home until her marriage. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Hartt numbers four children, as follows: Agnes, who was born in 1894; Edward, whose natal year was 1896; John, whose birth occurred in 1898; and Genevieve, who was born in 1900. The eldest daughter met with a most unfortunate accident at the age of three years, which left her blind.

The family attend St. Patrick's Catholic church at Beaver Dam, in which the parents hold membership. Mr. Hartt also belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters. A man of commendable business methods and a worthy citizen, he enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen and neighbors, among whom he numbers many friends.

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#### HOMER BISHOP HUBBELL.

Homer Bishop Hubbell is descended from Welsh ancestors who settled in New England in 1645. Born on a farm in Fairfax, Vermont, June 19, 1857, he is now in his fifty-sixth year. He had the usual experiences of a farmer boy and at first attended the country schools of his native town. Later he was prepared for

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college at the New Hampton Institute and at Barre Academy, both well known private schools of the Green Mountain state at that time. He was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1878, with the degree of A. B., and three years later received the degree of A. M. from the same institution. Coming west soon after his graduation he was employed as a teacher and school principal in several Illinois towns and cities, a work which he had previously begun in Vermont by teaching a large country school and "boarding around" when only sixteen years old.

During his residence in Illinois Mr. Hubbell served four years as deputy clerk of the circuit court and recorder of deeds at Princeton in Bureau county, and also studied law and was admitted to the bar. He holds the degree of LL. B. from the Union College of Law, Chicago. By teaching and other work he was enabled to repay in full the balance of money he had been compelled to borrow to complete his education.

In 1889 Mr. Hubbell was called to Wisconsin as principal of the Beaver Dam high school, a position that he retained for eighteen years, also serving as city superintendent during the latter part of this period. During his administration many improvements were introduced into the city school system and he was recognized as one of the most progressive and successful educators of the state. In 1900 he was the democratic nominee for state superintendent and ran well ahead of his ticket in his own city and county, but the republican tidal wave of that year left no democratic survivors on the shores of Wisconsin. Altogether he has had twenty-five years experience in teaching.

In 1910 Mr. Hubbell was employed by the census bureau under the rules of the classified civil service to act as a special agent in taking the census of manufacturers for Dodge county and a portion of Milwaukee. He has also at different times devoted considerable attention to newspaper work and during 1911 was one of the editors and proprietors of the Waupun (Wis.) Democrat.

June 24, 1893, Mr. Hubbell was united in marriage to Miss Edna C. Flanders, the first kindergarten teacher of the Beaver Dam public schools, who proved a most faithful and devoted helpmate and whose untimely death September 26, 1906, was universally lamented. To them were born two daughters—Helen, now aged seventeen, a student of Wayland Academy, and Celia, who at the early age of nine, followed her mother into the life eternal December 31, 1906.

Mr. Hubbell is a son of George A. and Jane (Bishop) Hubbell. His father died in 1902 at the old family residence in Fairfax, Vermont. His mother, at the age of nearly four score years, still survives to brighten the home of her Wisconsin son. Another son, Charles G. Hubbell, resides at Brattleboro, Vermont.

Being New England pioneers, many of Mr. Hubbell's ancestors were prominent in the Revolution and the War of 1812. One of them, Stephen Fay, kept the famous "Catamount Tavern" at Bennington, Vermont, in which the council of safety met and disciplined the "Yorkers" with the "beech seal." His son, Dr. Jonas Fay, acted as surgeon for Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain boys at the capture of Ticonderoga, and was the author of the Vermont declaration of independence.

Homer E. Hubbell, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, whose mother was a daughter of the above named Dr. Jonas Fay, practiced law for more than sixty years in the courts of Vermont. He was for eleven years

a member of the legislature and constitutional convention, and held many other important and responsible offices of his town, county and state.

Mr. Hubbell has therefore inherited traditions and associations in which he takes pride. We may add that he has traveled extensively, is a lover of art and literature, and is interested in every form of social and educational progress. He has been for seventeen years a director of the Williams Free Library and during the last five years has served as its president.

He has also given much attention to lecture courses, historical societies and literary clubs. He enjoys fraternal orders and is a member of all Masonic organizations up to and including the thirty-second degree. In these various bodies he has held many of the highest official positions. He is a past grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin.

In politics Mr. Hubbell is classified as an independent democrat. In religion he is a loyal communicant of the Episcopal church. His friends affirm, however, that he is tolerant in his opinions and liberal in his views on all subjects.

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#### CHARLES HAWKS.

Charles Hawks, vice president of the Horicon State Bank, and prominent in local business and fraternal circles, was born in Juneau, December 14, 1873, and is a son of Eli and Caroline E. (Potter) Hawks, the former of whom was born in Madison, county, New York, in 1829 and the latter in Schuyler county in 1837. The father came to Dodge county in 1855 and settled in Juneau, where at first he engaged in the grain business. Later, however, he was appointed postmaster and held that office at the time of his death, April 10, 1900. His widow resides at times with the subject of this sketch and spends the remainder of her time with her daughter in La Crosse. They were the parents of three children: Flora E., who married Dr. George W. Lueck, of La Crosse; Horace, who passed away at the age of ten months; and Charles, of this review. The father was well known in local and state politics and held various important offices, including that of state representative from this district, serving in the general assembly from 1878 to 1882.

Charles Hawks was educated in the public schools of Juneau and is a graduate of the Juneau high school. At the age of sixteen he obtained a position in an abstract office in Juneau and continued in this capacity for three years, after which he was appointed bookkeeper in the Citizens Bank of Juneau and did able work in this position from December, 1894, to September, 1896, on which date he came to Horicon. Here he assisted in the organization of the Horicon State Bank and served as assistant cashier in that institution until September, 1897, when he became cashier. In 1912 he was promoted to the office of vice president and is still serving, discharging his duties ably and judiciously. He is prominent in various other important enterprises, being treasurer of the Horicon Telephone Company and also secretary and treasurer of the Oak Hill Cemetery Association. He was among the organizers of this body and has given much time and attention to its affairs.

On June 22, 1898, Mr. Hawks was united in marriage to Miss Linda Yankey, who was born in Lowell, August 19, 1874, a daughter of Gottlieb and Anna (Marugg) Yankey, the former a native of Poland and the latter of Switzerland. The father came to America when he was a young man and settled first in Watertown, where he followed the trade of cabinet-making. Later he removed to Lowell and there engaged in the furniture business, in which he continued until about 1880, when he moved to Juneau and there established a furniture business which he operated in conjunction with an undertaking parlor. He was successful and prosperous in a business way and conducted his enterprise along the most modern and progressive lines until 1911, when he disposed of his holdings and retired, moving to Horicon, where he is still residing. Mr. and Mrs. Hawks became the parents of four children: Charles, Jr., born July 7, 1899; Ralph Eli, born December 17, 1900; Doris, born September 15, 1902; and Helen, who was born March 15, 1909, and died March 20, 1911. The family belong to the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Hawks gives his allegiance to the republican party and is well known and prominent in political affairs. For four years he did able and conscientious work as a member of the board of aldermen and was for two terms city treasurer. In April, 1912, he was elected mayor of Horicon and is still serving, bringing to the more public aspects of his life the same business ability, judicious discrimination and practical and progressive ideas which have made his banking career successful. In fraternal circles, too, he is well known and prominent, being a member of Horicon Lodge, No. 40, F. & A. M., and Horicon Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M. He belongs to the council and commandery in Beaver Dam and is a member of the Wisconsin Consistory. He is one of the most prominent Masons in Horicon and has passed through all of the chairs of the organization, being at the present time treasurer of his lodge. He is also active in the affairs of the Odd Fellows, belonging to Horicon Lodge, No. 87, and is likewise a member of the Modern Woodmen of America camp.

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#### ROBERT T. ROBERTS.

Robert T. Roberts is engaged in the real-estate, loan and insurance business in Randolph. His entire time has been passed in Dodge county and that his record is a worthy one is indicated by the fact that many of his staunchest friends have known him from his boyhood to the present time. He was born in Westford, Wisconsin, April 13, 1879. His father, Edward Roberts, a native of Wales, came to this country when a young man and settled near the town in Wisconsin which was named in honor of his native country. He afterward removed from Wales to Columbus, Wisconsin, where he worked for his brother, Hugh Roberts, until his earnings were sufficient to enable him to purchase the farm in Westford township upon which he now resides. He married Ann Roberts, in 1877, and they have continuously lived at the place which is still their home. Their seven children were there born, namely: Robert T.; Katherine, who died in infancy and was buried in Bethel cemetery in the town of Elba, Wisconsin; William E., born in August, 1883; Mary Jane; Thomas E., who is

employed by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; Annie, the wife of William H. Jones, of Chicago, who is employed in one of the south side branches of the Chicago postoffice; and Edward H., who is attending the high school at Randolph.

Robert T. Roberts completed his education by study in the high school of Randolph and, making his home in that place, he is now conducting a real-estate, loan and insurance agency. He has negotiated many important realty transfers, has placed many loans and writes a large amount of insurance each year for he concentrates his energies upon his business with a singleness of purpose combined with industry and perseverance that cannot fail to win success.

On the 14th of July, 1909, Mr. Roberts was married to Miss Katherine M. Jones, a daughter of Hugh W. Jones. She was born in 1879 and for several years taught school in the rural districts, while for six years she was a teacher in the schools of Randolph. Mr. Roberts belongs to the Masonic fraternity, also to the Gideons and the Equitable Fraternal Union, while his religious faith is that of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church. He has always lived in this community and his close conformity to high standards of life has gained him the warm and enduring regard of those with whom he has been associated.

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#### EUGENE A. CLIFFORD.

Eugene A. Clifford, the present incumbent of the office of city attorney, both in his private practice and in the discharge of his public duties is manifesting those qualities which give promising assurance of a successful career. Descended from one of Dodge county's pioneer families his birth occurred in Clyman on the 5th of December, 1886. He is of Irish extraction, the paternal grandfather, John Clifford, having been born on the Emerald isle. Coming to Dodge county in the early pioneer days he located on a farm in Emmett township, where he passed the remainder of his life. There on the 20th of September, 1844, his son Dominic, the father of our subject, was born. He, too, followed an agricultural career until 1885, when he withdrew from the work of the fields and came to Juneau, where he is now living retired. On the 25th of January, 1873, he was married to Miss Ellen Kelley, also a native of Dodge county, her birth having occurred on the 8th of November, 1850. Of this marriage there were born five children: Michael and Dominic Francis, editors of one of the leading newspapers of Dodge county, "The Independent;" John, who is mentioned at greater length elsewhere in this work; Eugene A., our subject; and Julia, the only daughter, who is living at home, as also are all of the sons with the exception of the third. Mr. Clifford is public-spirited and takes an active interest in local politics, giving his support to the progressive faction of the democratic party. While living at Emmett he held the office of treasurer of the school district and chairman of the township and served in various other capacities. Dominic Clifford is a Roman Catholic in religious faith.

Eugene A. Clifford was still in his infancy when his parents removed to Juneau, where he was reared and acquired his preliminary education. Having resolved to adopt the legal profession for his vocation, he subsequently matricu-



lated in the law department of the University of Wisconsin, where he pursued his professional studies. He made a splendid record as a student, applying himself zealously to the mastery of the principles of jurisprudence, for which he manifested an unusual aptitude. He was awarded his degree at the age of twenty-two years, and immediately returned to Juneau and established an office. During the intervening four years he has fulfilled his early promise and is making a very creditable record. He is happily endowed with a retentive memory, keen mentality and rapid powers of reasoning and has at his ready command a vocabulary which enables him to express himself fluently and to the point. His cases are prepared with care and deliberation, every point being carefully considered and arranged in well ordered sequence. His caution in this respect together with his fine penetration, clearness of his expositions and readiness of his answers has won him well merited recognition in local circles as an able representative of his profession. He is now and has for some time past been serving as deputy city clerk, while for two years he has been filling the office of city attorney.

Being unmarried Mr. Clifford makes his home with his father. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, and in politics he is a progressive democrat. He was elected secretary of the Democratic county committee in 1912, which position he now holds. He possesses the force and determination of character which inspire confidence and is rapidly building up a lucrative practice, numbering among his clients some of the town's leading citizens and business men. Representing the third generation of his family, he is widely known in this section and has many friends who are interested in the development of his career and prophesy for him a promising future.

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#### JOHN McADAMS.

One of the early settlers in Wisconsin who has been connected with a great deal of the agricultural development of the state is John McAdams, who came to Jefferson county in 1849. He was at that time a child of two years and he remained in that section until he came to Dodge county in 1889, where he has since resided. From his youth he has worked upon a farm and has been connected with agricultural pursuits under pioneer conditions, clearing timber, grubbing stumps and breaking wild land. At the present time he owns and cultivates one hundred and twenty-five acres on section 23, Shields township, and is recognized as one of the leading and representative farmers of the district. He was born in Niagara county, New York, June 2, 1847. His father, Terrence McAdams, came from his native country, Ireland, to America when he was a young man and located in Niagara county, where he engaged in farming. In 1849 he moved west to Wisconsin and located in Jefferson, where he worked at anything which would bring him an income. By strict economy he saved enough money to buy a town lot, upon which he erected the first house and there resided for nine years. At the end of that time he traded his property in Jefferson for eighty acres of land in the county, which he cleared, improved and cultivated for a number of years. Here he raised his family of

ten children and died upon his farm in 1879. He married Miss Sarah McCarty, also a native of Ireland, who came to America when she was a child of thirteen and was reared and educated in New York state. She survived her husband for a number of years and died in August, 1908.

John McAdams grew up on the homestead in Jefferson county and when he was still a child assisted in the work of clearing timber and grubbing stumps. He remained with his father until he was twenty-three years of age and had the advantages of a common-school education. After his marriage, which occurred in 1876, he farmed in Jefferson county for a few years and then moved to Dodge county upon his present farm. He located upon this property in 1889 and immediately began the work of further development. He has a fine modern residence, good barns and a new silo and has made other substantial changes and improvements. He gives his attention to general farming and dairying and is especially interested in the breeding and raising of a fine grade of Holstein cattle. For a number of years he owned a threshing machine operated by horse power and threshed in Jefferson county during the period of his residence there. He continued in this business when he came to Dodge county but substituted a steam-power engine for his former one. He did business in both Jefferson and Dodge counties until 1910, when he abandoned this branch of his activities in order to devote his entire time to farming, dairying and stock-raising. In the course of years Mr. McAdams' ability and force of character have drawn him into important business relations in this section of the state and he has promoted various enterprises of importance, among which may be mentioned the Posey Creamery, which is now a cheese factory.

Mr. McAdams married in Jefferson county, February 29, 1876, Miss Mary Ann Donohue, a daughter of Patrick Donohue, a pioneer in the settlement of Dodge county. Mrs. McAdams died upon her husband's farm, March 21, 1898, leaving two children: Mary Ellen, the wife of William De Witt, of South Dakota; and John K., of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work.

Mr. McAdams of this review has lived in Wisconsin since his childhood and in Dodge county he is known as one of the prominent factors in early agricultural development and in later upbuilding. His life has not been in any way conspicuous but his steady and quiet industry has accomplished a distinct prosperity which places him among the leading and representative men of his section.

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#### JOHN K. McADAMS.

One of the most prominent men in public life in Shields township as well as one of the most active and successful farmers and progressive business men is John K. McAdams, who is identified with the rural free delivery service and prominently and favorably known in democratic politics in Dodge county. He was born in Jefferson county, January 1, 1881, and is a son of John and Mary Ann (Donohue) McAdams, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

When he was eight years of age John K. McAdams came with his parents to Dodge county. He received his primary education in the public schools of Shields township and supplemented this by a two years' course at the Sacred Heart College in Watertown. When he returned home he aided his father in the operation of the farm and became well known as one of the progressive and active agriculturists in this part of Dodge county. He is the owner of an improved tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres in Perkins county, South Dakota. At the present time he is giving a great deal of his attention to the operation of a steam threshing outfit which he has owned for ten or twelve years, and during the season he does a great deal of threshing for the farmers in Dodge county. For several years past he has been connected with the rural free delivery service and has proven most capable and satisfactory in the discharge of his duties. Mr. McAdams uses an automobile in which to carry the mail when the roads are in condition and this greatly facilitates his labors by saving time and energy.

Mr. McAdams' political activities form one of the vital interests of his life. Since casting his first vote he has been affiliated with the democratic party, as is also his father, and has steadily upheld throughout his official career the principles and policies for which that party stands. Mr. McAdams' ability and effective work is demonstrated by the fact that in the various offices in which he has served he has been retained for long periods of time. For over ten years he was a member of the town board and served for eight consecutive years as town clerk. He has been a delegate to both state and county democratic conventions and has done able work in the cause of school expansion during the term of his service as treasurer of the school board. In all the various activities of his life he has demonstrated excellent business ability, careful and conservative business instinct and sterling qualities of mind and character. In his public capacities as in his private relations he has gained the confidence and esteem of the entire community and although he is still a young man, has made definite advancement on the road to prosperity.

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#### HERMAN ZASTROW.

Diversified farming and dairying engage the attention of Herman Zastrow, who resides on section 25, Westford township, where he owns one hundred and thirty-four acres of land. A native of Dodge county, he was born in Herman township, on the 24th of May, 1860, his parents being Charles F. and Fredericka (Zuelsdorf) Zastrow. The father was born and reared in Germany, his natal year being 1833. About 1853 or 1854, he emigrated to the United States, locating in Herman township, where he passed away on the 3d of August, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Zastrow were married in Herman, in 1859, and there were born their four children in the following order: Herman, our subject; Ottillie, who was born in 1863 and died January 18, 1911, being laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery at Beaver Dam; Frank, who was born in 1866, and is a resident of Beaver Dam; and Albert, who married Margaret Scherger and is living in Herman township. The mother, who was born in 1837, made her home in Herman until after the death of her daughter, when she removed to Beaver Dam, and is now living with her son Frank.

The entire life of Herman Zastrow has been passed in Dodge county. His energies were early directed along agricultural lines, his efforts being rewarded with success. After his marriage he engaged in farming for himself in Herman township, where he remained for two years. In 1891, he located on his present place, in the cultivation of which he has since been engaged. One hundred and twenty of his hundred and thirty-four acres are being tilled and annually produce harvests, the quality and quantity of which well repay him for his persistent labor. In connection with his general farming he does considerable dairying and raises graded stock.

Mr. Zastrow was married in 1886 to Miss Ottillie Hafemeister, a daughter of Charles Hafemeister of Beaver Dam, and to them have been born four children: Eleanor Julia, whose birth occurred on the 5th of July, 1889; Arthur, who was born April 14, 1893; Hilda, whose natal day was March 18, 1895; and Edwin, who was born December 30, 1897. They are all living at home, the sons assisting their father with the work of the farm.

In religious faith the family are Lutherans, holding membership in the First German church in Beaver Dam. Mr. Zastrow is one of the diligent and enterprising citizens of his community, where his prosperity is rightly attributed to honest effort and unflinching purpose, which qualities have characterized his undertakings from early youth.

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#### JACOB BURGER.

Jacob Burger is one of the extensive landowners of Dodge county, having five hundred and twenty-three acres divided into different farms, and his record shows what may be accomplished by hard work, unflinching industry and unflinching perseverance. He had but limited educational opportunities and that he possesses good business ability is evidenced in his success. He was born in Rauxheim, near Kreuznach, in the Rhine province of Germany, August 16, 1840. His father, John Burger, also a native of that country, came to America in 1847 and followed farming in the new world. He made his home in Clyman township and passed away at the venerable age of eighty-two years. He married Christina Weber, who was also a native of Germany but who became a resident of the United States and here died in 1857.

Jacob Burger was a lad of about seven years when he came with his family to Wisconsin and through his youthful days he worked with his father until he reached the age of eighteen, when he and his brother purchased an interest in a threshing machine and continued in that business for six or seven seasons. When twenty-one years of age Jacob Burger and his brother each received from their father fifty acres of land and the subject of this review, on attaining his majority, began farming on his own account, but still lived at home, remaining there to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated in 1865, when Miss Maria Irving became his wife. She was born in Albany, New York, March 27, 1842, a daughter of Thomas Irving, who was born in Ireland and died in Clyman township at the age of sixty-two years. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Casey, was born in Ireland and also passed away in Clyman township, at the age of sixty-two.

Following his marriage Mr. Burger built a house and barn upon the fifty-acre tract which he had received from his father and also added other improvements. He cleared and developed the land, on which he carried on general farming and dairying. At different times he has bought other tracts and, while he has disposed of some of his purchases, his holdings are still extensive. His first purchase after he began farming for himself was a twenty-acre tract which he sold later and bought forty acres and afterward one hundred and sixty acres. He sold the fifty acres which he had received from his father to his brother. He then bought another forty acres, all situated in one district, and subsequently he invested in the twenty-nine and a quarter acres tract upon which he now resides. Here he built a modern residence in an attractive style of architecture and an excellent barn, since which time, or for a period of five years, he has lived upon this place. About fifteen years ago he bought one hundred and thirty-six and a half acres, which he still owns, and forty acres in the town of Lowell that is still in his possession. About four years ago he purchased seventy-seven and a half acres from Joseph Metzger and this and his other farms are all now rented. He devotes all of his time to looking after his properties and he has always engaged in the raising of sheep, having at present a herd of three hundred. His holdings aggregate five hundred and twenty-three acres and the soil is rich and productive, much of the land being under cultivation, while the remainder is used for pasturage.

Mr. and Mrs. Burger are the parents of six children: Sarah, the wife of Joseph Holstein; Mary, the wife of John Scheberle; Ella, at home; Catherine, the wife of Henry Scheiber, of Emmet township; Christina, the wife of Michael Thoma; and Cora, who is the wife of James Acker, of Lake Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Burger are pleasantly situated in a comfortable home and their earnest toil in former years enables them to enjoy many of the comforts of life. He has ever worked persistently and energetically to develop and improve his farms and his capable business management and industry are manifest in his present prosperity.

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#### FRANZ BRUNKE.

For thirty-eight years Franz Brunke has been following the cigar-maker's trade in Mayville and during the time has built up a flourishing business along this line, his enterprise expanding with his growing reputation. The concern of which he is the head is one of the largest of its kind in the city and is ably conducted along practical and modern business lines. Mr. Brunke has been working at his trade since he was seventeen years of age and has based his present success upon specialized knowledge and training. He has been in America since he was fourteen years of age being born in Brandenburg, Germany, May 16, 1853. His father, Frederick Brunke, was also a native of that province and remained in Brandenburg until 1867 when he came to America and settled in Hustisford, Wisconsin, where he worked at the shoemaking trade which he had learned in his youth. His residence in Mayville dated from 1897 and in this village he died in 1905, when he was ninety years of age. He married Miss

Louise Lehmann, a native of Germany, born in 1816. She died in 1900, when she was eighty-four years of age. In their family were two children, of whom the subject of this review is the younger. His brother August, was born in Germany and came to America with his parents in 1867. When he had completed his education he taught school in Beaver Dam for some time and then became identified with the real-estate business. In company with our subject he platted all the west portion of Mayville and became prominent in local business circles. He died in this city in 1899.

Franz Brunke began his education in the German public schools and completed it in a night school in Milwaukee. For some time after his arrival in America he worked upon a farm but abandoned that occupation when he was seventeen years of age in order to learn the cigar-maker's trade. He studied the details of this trade in Milwaukee where he remained for four years, coming to Mayville in 1874. Here he established himself independently in the cigar-making business and has followed it since that time. His enterprise was conducted at first upon a small scale but has gradually expanded until it gives employment at the present time to seven cigar makers and two strippers. Some of his output is shipped to Minnesota and sold in that state and in the surrounding country.

In June, 1878, Mr. Brunke was united in marriage to Miss Helen Tillmann, a native of Mayville and a daughter of Adam and Louise Tillmann. Her father was a wagon maker by trade and followed this occupation for some time, abandoning it eventually in favor of farming, in which line of activity he was engaged at the time of his death which occurred in 1909. His wife is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Brunke have been born five children: Edwin, who is in partnership with his father, and who is married and has two children; Walter, who is also in business with his father; Bruno, who is a graduate in pharmacy and who is studying medicine in Marquette University; Herbert, who is engaged in the jewelry business at Red Granite, Waushara county; and Leonie, who lives at home.

Politically Mr. Brunke gives his allegiance to the democratic party and for seventeen terms was supervisor of the county. He is prominent in the Masonic order, holding membership in Vesper Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M., of Mayville. He is one of the representative citizens of the village in which he has resided for thirty-eight years and has many friends in this part of Dodge county. He seeks his success in a business way and has been rewarded by seeing his enterprise expand and develop year by year. Training and long experience have combined to make him an expert workman and, guided and controlled by business ability, have been factors in a gratifying and well deserved prosperity.

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#### FERDINAND ALBERT.

Varied commercial and industrial interests have claimed the attention of Ferdinand Albert, sole proprietor of the Mayville Fuel Company and president of the local canning company, both thriving enterprises. He was born in Horicon, Dodge county, on the 8th of October, 1864, and is a son of Charles and Augusta (Fritz) Albert, both natives of Germany. The father came to America

in the early '50s, locating in this county. A farmer by vocation he acquired land in the vicinity of Horicon and there continued his agricultural pursuits, until about two years before his death when he retired and removed to Mayville, where he thereafter made his home. He passed away in 1903 at the age of seventy-one years, but the mother is still living. To this worthy couple were born twelve children, our subject being the fourth in order of birth.

Ferdinand Albert was reared amid the pioneer conditions which yet prevailed in the rural sections of Dodge county during his boyhood. His education was completed in the high school at Horicon, following which he gave his undivided attention to the cultivation of the home farm for a time. He subsequently withdrew from farming and learned the trade of butter making, which he followed for five years and then engaged in the dairy business on his own account at New Holstein, Calumet county. He resided there for nine years, but at the expiration of that time, in 1899, came to Mayville, although for two years thereafter he was interested in the factory at New Holstein. Next he organized the F. Albert Dairy Company, of which he was president, with plants located at Chilton, Calumet county, Thorp, Clark county, and Vesper and Hansen, Wood county, Wisconsin. He disposed of his interest in this business in the spring of 1912, in order to give his entire attention to other enterprises with which he was connected. Two years prior to that, in 1910, he engaged in the coal and wood business, also handling cement, oil, gasoline and kerosene, under the firm name of the Mayville Fuel Company. It was formerly a partnership concern but Mr. Albert is now the sole proprietor. He is a man of more than average ability in matters of business, possessing the clear judgment, sagacity and decisiveness of action, which enables him to readily recognize and utilize to his advantage opportunities not perceptible to men of less perspicacity. Anything he undertakes is pursued with that unceasing energy, determination of purpose and intelligently organized plans which enables him to carry it to a successful issue.

On March 17, 1891, Mr. Albert was married to Miss Emma Garling, a native of Mayville and a daughter of Carl and Sophia (Albert) Garling, who were born in Germany. The father, who passed away in 1904, was for many years successfully identified with the agricultural interests of this county. The mother is still living and now makes her home in Mayville. Mr. and Mrs. Albert have had three children, a daughter, Valerie, who is at home, and two who are deceased. The family is well known and highly respected in this community, Dodge county having been the residence of both the Albert and Garling families for more than half a century.

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#### ALBERT J. CLARK.

Albert J. Clark, one of the native sons and prominent agriculturists of Dodge county, is the owner of about six hundred acres of land in Williamstown township and makes a specialty of raising small fruits and vegetables. His birth occurred in that township, on the 19th of February, 1863, his parents being Amasa B. and Louisa (Ivory) Clark. The father, who was born on the 21st of June,

1823, passed away on the 23d of February, 1899, while the mother was called to her final rest in 1900. It was in 1845 that the paternal grandfather of our subject removed with his family from Jefferson county, New York, to Wisconsin, locating first in Burnett township, this county, and later in Williamstown township. He had five children who grew to maturity. Amasa B. Clark was married in New York and came west to this state when a young man of twenty-two years, locating on the farm which is now the home of our subject and continuing to reside thereon throughout the remainder of his life. The period of his residence in Dodge county covered more than a half century and he long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a substantial agriculturist and respected citizen. To him and his wife were born three children, as follows: Judson H., who was the father of two children and passed away at Parma, Michigan, in 1903; Albert J., of this review; and Elvie M., who gave her hand in marriage to Leon Reible, of Mayville. The father of this family was a leader in community affairs, taking an active part in all movements and measures instituted to promote the general welfare.

Albert J. Clark was reared on the home farm in Williamstown township and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. When a youth of eighteen he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for five years. On the expiration of that period he purchased the old homestead of sixty acres which his father had procured from the government. From time to time he has augmented his holdings by additional purchase and now owns about six hundred acres of land, one hundred and sixty acres of which comprise his home place. He has made many substantial improvements on the property, erecting a handsome brick residence and barns and also a large fruit and vegetable storage house. His time and energies are largely devoted to general farming but he makes a specialty of the raising of small fruit and vegetables and does his own packing and shipping, having shipped over six thousand crates of strawberries in 1912. He operates a factory for the manufacture of boxes and likewise has a pickle and kraut factory on his place, doing an extensive business in that connection. About fifty acres of his land is planted to small fruit and includes an orchard. He furnishes steady employment to about twenty-five people throughout the year and during the busy season requires the services of about three hundred hands. He is now equipping one of his farms for the purpose of breeding pure Holstein cattle, having already built barns thereon. His operations are extensive and important and he is widely recognized as one of the most prosperous agriculturists and leading citizens of the community.

On the 20th of December, 1886, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Bachhuber, a daughter of Emron and Katharine (Bauer) Bachhuber. Her father emigrated to this country from Germany in an early day, locating first near St. Lawrence, Wisconsin, and later in Milwaukee, while subsequently he came to Dodge county. He was first engaged in business as a brewer but afterward conducted a saddlery shop in Mayville. His demise occurred on the 8th of October, 1908, but his wife is still living. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Mrs. Theresa Clark; John, who is a resident of Mayville; Anna, the wife of Anton Welsch, of Mayville; Barbara, the wife of Tony Jansa, of Mayville; Joseph, Frank, Emron and Martin, all of whom are residents of Mayville; Katharine, the wife of Paul Rohlinger, of Milwaukee; and Lawrence, living in Mayville, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have three children, namely: Leon G.,



who is a graduate of the Mayville high school and now assists his father; Ray J., at home; and Amasa A., who is attending school. Fraternally Mr. Clark is identified with the Masons, being a worthy exemplar of the craft. His life has been one of intense activity, crowned with deserved success, and his record may well serve as a source of inspiration to others, showing what may be accomplished when ability is coupled with determination. He is widely and favorably known in the county where his entire life has been spent and his record therefore cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers.

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#### HANS H. FORKMANN.

Hans H. Forkmann, proprietor and editor of the Dodge County Banner, has been a resident of Mayville for twenty-one years, during the greater portion of which time he has been identified with the local high school as teacher of Latin and German. He is one of the estimable citizens Germany has furnished Dodge county, his birth having occurred in Wuerzburg, Bavaria, on the 5th of April, 1868. His parents were Robert and Helen (Koeplinger) Forkmann, the father a native of Burgdorf, Switzerland, and the mother of Kissingen, Bavaria. After the completion of his education, which was acquired in the universities of Wuerzburg and Munich, Robert Forkmann became a member of the faculty of the former institution with which he was identified during the remainder of his active life. He made several journeys to the United States to see his son, his last visit being made in 1906, on which occasion he was taken ill and passed away in the hospital in Milwaukee on September 13, of the same year. He had long survived the mother, whose death occurred on September 13, 1895. They were the parents of three children, but the son is the only member of the family to have located in America, the two daughters always having resided in their native land.

The boyhood and youth of Hans H. Forkmann were passed amid the scholarly environment of an old university town, the influence of which was further enhanced by the fact of his father being a professor, their social circle being entirely composed of people of culture and learning. After completing the course of the University of Wuerzburg, he was sent to Munich, where he was awarded the degree of LL. D. with the class of 1891. Along with his classical studies he had imbibed a spirit of democracy, which made him cherish the idea of becoming a citizen of the greatest republic on earth. Therefore, soon after leaving the university he took passage for the United States. He arrived in New York on the 7th of March, 1891, and the day following he made application to become a citizen of the United States. Continuing his journey westward, he located in Milwaukee and for some six months thereafter was a member of the Herold staff, one of the leading German papers of that city. During that period he made application for the position of Latin and German teacher in the Mayville high school, to which he was appointed, beginning his duties in September, 1891. He served in this capacity with excellent satisfaction for sixteen years, his pupils being among the most thoroughly instructed and maintaining a higher average standard of scholarship than was attained by almost any other school in the state at that time. In 1907, Mr. Forkmann resigned his position and purchased the plant

of the E. Schwartz Printing Company, publishers of the Dodge County Banner. This paper was founded in April 6, 1895, and is one of the leading democrat journals in this section. When Mr. Forkmann took possession of the plant in 1907 the subscription list consisted of but nine hundred names, but it has since been increased until it numbers twenty-seven hundred which fact most substantially evidences his fitness and general qualifications as an editor and man of business.

On the 16th of June, 1893, Mr. Forkmann was united in marriage to Miss Otilie Ruedeusch, a daughter of H. B. and Albertine (Kaetel) Ruedeusch. The father, who came to the United States on the 2d of July, 1860, was one of the pioneer business men of Mayville, where he conducted a hardware establishment until 1886. In the latter year he disposed of his interests here and removed with his family to Milwaukee. Two years later he returned to Mayville and resumed his connection with its commercial activities as one of the stockholders in a local furniture factory. He was identified with this industry until 1903, when he retired from active life and is now spending his latter years in well earned rest. In common with the majority of his countrymen he has always been very fond of music and now employs his leisure time in the manufacture of violins and cellos, in which he takes great delight. The mother, who was a child of only ten years when she came to this country in 1856 with her parents, who located at Theresa, passed away on the 29th of December, 1873. Of the four children born to this worthy couple but two are now living.

Mr. Forkmann has enjoyed the full rights of citizenship since the 8th of March, 1896, exactly five years and one day after his arrival in America. In his political views he is a democrat but he has never been connected with the official life of the community, although he is a wide-awake, public-spirited citizen and takes an active interest in the welfare of the town and strives to promote its interest in every possible way. Fraternally he is identified with Vesper Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M., and various German societies throughout the state. Although in his ideas and views he is intensely American and is absolutely loyal to the United States and its institutions, Mr. Forkmann yet finds much to commend and admire in the land of his nativity and his fellow countrymen. He has never had reason to regret transferring his allegiance to this government, however, as he has here found the opportunities he sought and has made many staunch friends, who accord him the esteem and respect ever commanded by ambitious men of upright motives and honorable methods.

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#### JOHN STEGER.

John Steger, who as president of the John Steger Company has been engaged in the brewery business in Mayville for more than thirty years, is one of Dodge county's enterprising and capable native sons. His natal day was the third of September, 1854, and he is a son of George and Margaret (Krebel) Steger, both natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in 1846 with Dodge county as his destination. He was an agriculturist and soon after his arrival located in Theresa township, where he acquired seventy acres

of land. The further cultivation and improvement of this place engaged his attention until his death, which occurred in the year 1871 or 1872. The mother survived him for many years, her death taking place in 1908. Our subject is third in order of birth in a family of six children.

Reared at home, John Steger obtained his education in the district and Catholic parochial schools of this county. When old enough to begin fitting himself for a career he resolved to become a brewer, and at the age of fourteen years laid aside his schoolbooks and began qualifying for his chosen vocation as an apprentice of John Quast, proprietor of the Theresa Brewery. He was there employed for six or seven years, during which time he became thoroughly familiar with the various details of the industry. At the expiration of that time he became identified with the Gebhard Weber Brewery Company. The next year he came to Mayville, where for two years he followed another line of work and then went to Ripon and worked for the John Haas Brewery Company. In another two years he again took up his residence in Mayville, and here in 1881 in partnership with Charles Gerlach he purchased the brewery of the Charles Crossing Company, and has been operating this plant until 1888, when Mr. Gerlach sold his interest to Henry Boehmer, who has since been connected with Mr. Steger, Mr. Steger being president and manager, and Mr. Boehmer, vice president. They are both capable men in their line and are doing a good business. They manufacture various kinds of beer, all of a good quality, which they ship throughout this section of the state.

On the 17th of October, 1882, Mr. Steger was united in marriage to Miss Mary Boehmer, a daughter of Henry and Margaret Boehmer. The mother is deceased but the family is still living. Three children have been born of this marriage; Hattie, the wife of John Hollenstein, Jr., of the wagon works, and the mother of three children; and Josephine and Henry, both of whom are at home.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and fraternally the father is affiliated with the Maccabees. Mr. Steger is one of the substantial citizens of Mayville, in the progress and development of which he has taken an active interest during the thirty years of his connection with its business interests.

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#### LOUIS E. KRONITZ.

Louis E. Kronitz is the proprietor of the Buena Vista Hotel, a well kept and modern hostelry, at the corner of Fourth and Jones streets, Watertown, and his able management of its affairs has placed him among the leading business men of the city. He was born in Portland township, Jefferson county, February 2, 1873, a son of Frederick and Amelia (Gorder) Kronitz, the former a native of Dodge county and the latter of Germany. The father of our subject was reared upon a farm and was identified with agricultural interests in Portland and Lebanon townships for many years. In the latter section he owned one hundred and twenty acres of land, which he improved and developed along systematic and practical lines, making his farm one of the finest in the

township. When he abandoned agricultural pursuits he moved to Watertown and bought the Washington Hotel, which he operated until 1904, when he retired. He makes his home in Watertown. His wife came to America with her parents when she was only a year old and grew to womanhood in Dodge county. In their family were four children: Albert, who died in infancy; Louis E., of this review; Ida, the widow of Otto H. Novack, of Watertown; and Henry W., proprietor of the Washington Hotel in Watertown.

Louis E. Kronitz was a small boy when his parents moved to Watertown and consequently his education was begun in the public schools of this city. When he had completed the high school course he entered the Northwestern College and attended that institution for one year. After laying aside his books he learned the shoemaker's trade but never followed it. He enlisted as a musician in the Seventh Regiment, United States Army, and was stationed with his company at Fort Logan, Colorado, and served for three months. At the end of that time he was discharged for disability. Returning to Watertown, he went to Clyman and there bought a hotel and saloon, which he conducted for thirteen years, gaining distinct success by his ability. When he sold out his holdings in Clyman he bought the Buena Vista Hotel in Watertown, which he is conducting at the present time. Long familiarity with the details of hotel management and a distinct business ability have made him successful in the direction of this enterprise. He is active and progressive and has made good use of his many opportunities with the result that he is ranked among the substantial and important men of Watertown.

On the 8th of April, 1896, Mr. Kronitz married Miss Ida Hose, a daughter of Henry and Maria Hose, natives of Germany and early settlers in Jefferson county. The father was a soldier in the Civil war and after his discharge farmed in Wisconsin for a number of years, dying in Jefferson county at the age of eighty-two. His wife passed away when she was eighty-four years of age. They had six children, Fred, Henry, Margaret, Ida, Emma, and a child who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Kronitz became the parents of two children: Gretchen; and Ada, who died when she was five years of age. The family are members of St. Mark's Lutheran church.

Mr. Kronitz is a democrat but is not active in political circles. He gives most of his time to the management of his hotel, his only other business interest being his connection with the Citizens & Farmers Bank. He deserves great credit for what he has accomplished during his connection with business interests in Watertown and his work has had its influence upon the growth of commercial activity of the city.

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#### HON. EUGENE O'CONNOR.

Seventy years' residence in Dodge county makes Eugene O'Connor one of its oldest citizens, while his life work entitles him to the respect, confidence and honor of his fellowmen. He now lives on section 11, in the town of Emmet, and was but four years of age when brought to Dodge county, his birth having occurred in South Brookfield, Massachusetts, on the 25th of August, 1838. His



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father, Daniel O'Connor, was born and reared in Ireland and was there married. In 1831 he removed westward to the new world, settling first in Massachusetts, where he remained for eight or nine years. For a time he rented land and engaged in farming in that district. Subsequently he removed northward to Wisconsin, settling in Dodge county in 1842. The whole countryside was an unbroken wilderness, for the seeds of civilization had scarcely been planted in this district at the time. Mr. O'Connor purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land that was covered with a native growth of timber and after making a little clearing he built a log house, in which he lived for a number of years. Gradually he further cleared and developed the place and transformed it into a good farm. He bought more land from time to time and became owner of two hundred and forty acres, constituting a rich and well developed tract, upon which he reared his family. He lived a long and useful life and died at the ripe old age of ninety-nine years and six months, passing away in July, 1882. He had long survived his wife, who died in 1865.

Eugene O'Connor is one of a family of four sons and two daughters, all of whom reached adult age. Of this family one son, Daniel O'Connor, is now living in the state of Washington, while a sister, unmarried, makes her home with her brother, Eugene. These three are the only surviving members of the family of Daniel O'Connor.

Brought to Wisconsin when but four years of age, Eugene O'Connor was reared upon the old homestead farm and the experiences of frontier life early became familiar to him. He was educated in the public schools and throughout his life has been a reader and student, so that he has largely added to the knowledge gained in the schoolroom. In fact he has kept abreast with the trend of modern thought and progress and is conversant with the leading questions and interests of the day.

On the 10th of November, 1870, Mr. O'Connor was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Buckley, a daughter of Daniel Buckley, one of the pioneers of Dodge county. Mrs. O'Connor was born and reared in this county and here passed away on the 15th of September, 1907, her death being deeply deplored by many who knew her. In their family were eleven children: Daniel; Eugene, who is married and lives on a farm belonging to his father; John J., who is a practicing dentist in the state of Washington; Frank, residing on the old homestead; Edward, a machinist of Racine, Wisconsin; William and Charles, both at home; Mary, at home; Margaret, who is engaged in teaching in Dodge county; Catherine, also a teacher; and a son, Charles Arthur, who died in infancy.

Following his marriage Eugene O'Connor took up his abode on the old home farm, where also lived his brother, Jeremiah O'Connor, who died in 1884. As time passed on, Eugene O'Connor added to his property and is now the owner of two excellent farms, consisting of four hundred and forty acres. Both places are well improved, being equipped with modern buildings, the latest machinery and all those things which are elements of a model farm.

In his political views Mr. O'Connor is a democrat, interested in the success of the party and always keeping well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day. In former years he was quite active in politics and did effective service for his party and as a public official. He was elected and served on the town board and in 1868 was nominated for the general assembly. By choice of the

people, he became a member of the house and made an honorable record as one of its active working members, serving on a number of important committees. In 1876 he was elected clerk of the court and filled that position for two years. He has since been chairman of the town board for a number of years and has frequently been a delegate to both county and state conventions. Throughout his life he has been actuated by a public-spirited devotion to the general good and is known as one of the progressive and honored citizens of Dodge county, where he has now lived for more than the Psalmist's allotted span of life of three score years and ten.

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LAWRENCE S. KEELEY.

One of the foremost educators in this section of Wisconsin is Lawrence S. Keeley, principal of the Mayville high school, and a member of the executive committee of the State Teachers Association, of which organization he was formerly president. Practically his entire life has been passed in Dodge county, his birth having occurred at Fox Lake, on the 7th of February, 1858. He is of Irish extraction, his parents, Michael and Katherine (Kenney) Keeley having been born and reared in County Galway, Ireland. The father, who was a farmer came to the United States in 1847, spending the first two or three years of his residence in this country in the state of New York, where he was married. In 1851, together with his young wife he came to Dodge county, locating in Fox Lake township, where he purchased a hundred and twenty acres of timber land. Here they lived in the primitive manner prevalent in every frontier country, their residence being a crude log cabin similar to those of the other pioneers of that period. Their means were limited, but they possessed an abundance of energy and determination and bore uncomplainingly the many hardships and privations, which would have hopelessly discouraged people of less persistence and resolution of purpose. Mr. Keeley diligently applied himself to the further improvement and development of his farm during the remainder of his active life, his death here occurring on the 4th of December, 1886. He was seventy-eight at the time of his demise, while the mother who survived him until the 10th of July, 1907, had attained the venerable age of eighty-four when she passed away. To them were born five children, our subject being the third in order of birth.

The early life of Lawrence S. Keeley was in every respect similar to those of other pioneer youths of Wisconsin. Reared on a farm, he began his education naturally, in the district schools, which he attended until he was seventeen years of age. The succeeding two years he devoted to teaching, subsequently continuing his education in the graded schools of Randolph and the Wisconsin Academy at Fox Lake, of which he became a student in 1878. Later he attended the Wisconsin University for a time, and also the Normal School at Platteville, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1882. Immediately thereafter he began teaching in the schools of Highland, this state, going from there to Fox Lake, where he remained for six years in the capacity of principal. He gave most efficient service in this connection, founding the

high school, while it was largely due to his efforts that a new school building was erected at that time. In 1890, he resigned his position there to accept the principalship of the Mayville high school, where he has served continuously ever since with the exception of about eighteen months. As he is ambitious and has strong scholarly instincts, Mr. Keeley has always utilized his leisure time to good advantage, and during the early years as teacher he began the study of law, being admitted to the state bar in 1887. He was never actively identified with the profession until 1897, however, when he resigned his position as principal of the high school and engaged in the practice of law with Frank Lawrence. Legal affairs claimed his undivided attention for a year and a half thereafter, at the expiration of which time he yielded to the earnest solicitation of the local school board to complete an unexpired term as high school principal, and has ever since retained this position. While he gave promise of becoming a clever and efficient representative of the bar, without doubt Mr. Keeley's larger field of usefulness has been found in the schoolroom. His varied career and early struggles in obtaining an education, together with the long days of toil spent in the fields of the home farm during his boyhood enable him to enter into the aims and hopes of the ambitious lad with that broad, human understanding and appreciation characteristic of the self-made man. The greater part of his education has been self-acquired and to this fact is largely attributable the breadth of view and independence of thought he has ever manifested in his work. A practical man, Mr. Keeley has made a careful study of the needs of the average American boy and girl, and so far as lies within his power has adapted the curriculum of his school to meet their requirements. He strongly advocates the training of the hand as well as the mind, and believes in fitting every youth and maid to become a useful member of society. With this purpose in view there has been added to the regular course of the Mayville high school classes in manual training and domestic science, the results of which are readily recognizable in the greater resourcefulness and self-reliance of the young people. Although he has always lived in the quiet, unobtrusive manner of the man with a mission to perform, Mr. Keeley has achieved much more than a local reputation among the educators of the state. He has long been identified with the Wisconsin State Teachers Association and in 1910 was elected vice president of the organization. The next year he succeeded Mr. Parlin as president and he is now a member of the executive committee of the association, and he is also a state conductor of teachers' institutes. His field of usefulness has not stopped with the schoolroom but has extended into the business world and he was one of the organizers of the State Bank of Mayville and is now secretary of its board of directors. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Mayville Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a thriving local enterprise.

In this city on the 9th of August, 1892, Mr. Keeley was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Langenbach, a native of Mayville and a daughter of John and Maria Langenbach, both of whom are still living, the father at the venerable age of eighty-two and the mother at seventy-five years. They were born and reared in Germany but came to America in early life, locating in Dodge county during the pioneer period. For many years the father conducted a hotel at Theresa, this state, but he is now living retired in Mayville. To Mr. and Mrs.



Keeley have been born four children: Margaret, who has graduated from the high school; and Clarence, Lawrence and Helen.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Keeley is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and Knights of Columbus. As a citizen as well as an instructor he is broad-minded and progressive and is one of the active workers and enthusiastic members of the Business Men's Club, earnestly indorsing its various movements and cooperating in forwarding the town's development in every possible manner. A residence in Mayville covering a period of more than twenty years, during which time he has been prominently identified with the life of the community as the incumbent of a most difficult position, being subject to the criticism and comment of both old and young, interested and disinterested, has shown Mr. Keeley to possess the loyalty, singleness of purpose and general excellence of character desirable in a man who is directing the development and training of the young.

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#### HERMAN J. THIELKE.

Herman J. Thielke is one of the enterprising citizens of Mayville, where he engages in the lumber and insurance business and also owns and operates a farm of a hundred and twenty-three acres. He was born in Huelsburg, Wisconsin, on the 27th of July, 1867, and is a son of August and Margaret (Huels) Thielke. The father, who is engaged in the general mercantile business in Huelsburg, was born in Prussia on the 3d of February, 1830. There he was also reared and educated and subsequently learned the brewer's trade. He came to America in 1854, first locating in Theresa, where he engaged in farming for eight years. At the expiration of that time he removed to Huelsburg, and here he purchased a brewery and farm, which he likewise operated for eight years. Selling his brewery, he subsequently purchased the general mercantile business of J. Huels, which he is still conducting. He is one of the substantial men of the town and in addition to his other interests owns a farm of a hundred and seventy-eight acres in Herman township. Mr. and Mrs. Thielke are the parents of ten children, our subject being the fifth in order of birth. They are members of the German Lutheran church and Mr. Thielke votes the democratic ticket.

Dodge county has always been the home of Herman J. Thielke, who passed his boyhood in very much the same manner as other lads who were reared in this section of Wisconsin at that period. He was educated in the district schools and worked on his father's farm, thus acquiring a thorough knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of the agriculturist, and later assisted in the store. In 1892 he took the agency of the Cameron & Cameron Company, a lumber concern of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Two years later he purchased their local business, which he successfully conducted until 1900, when he sold it to Denison, Liver & Company of Hartford, Wisconsin. Three years later he engaged in the fire insurance business, obtaining the agency of several reputable companies with which he is still identified. In 1906, he still further extended the scope of his activities by again purchasing the lumber business which he had formerly conducted. Mr. Thielke is also managing his farm of a hundred and

twenty-three acres, his energies largely being devoted to the raising of Holstein cattle and Poland China hogs, in both of which lines he is meeting with a good measure of success.

On the 14th of February, 1893, Mr. Thielke was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Hamm, a native of Kohlville, Washington county, this state, and a daughter of Jacob and Wilhelmina (Brissell) Hamm. The father, who was engaged in the general mercantile business and farming at Kohlville, passed away in 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Thielke have one child, Adela, who is living at home.

The family are members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Thielke gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is one of the substantial citizens of the town and one of its foremost business men, taking an active interest in forwarding various local industries. He owns stock in the Mayville Canning Company, State Bank of Mayville, the Mexican Copper & Gold Mines Company, and the Old Line Life Insurance Company, all thriving and prosperous enterprises. Descended from well known pioneer settlers, Mr. Thielke is widely known in this vicinity, and enjoys the regard of a large circle of friends, many of whom were comrades of his boyhood.

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#### CULVER E. HOOKER.

Culver E. Hooker is one of the well known citizens of Waupun, Wisconsin, and has the distinction of being in years of service the oldest law practitioner in that city. He was born in Waupun, February 10, 1855, and is a son of Eli and Catherine R. (Sharp) Hooker. The father was a native of New York and the mother of Ohio. They celebrated their wedding in Milwaukee and later established their home in Fond du Lac. Both were of English descent. The founder of the Hooker family in America, of which our subject is descended, was Thomas Hooker, who settled in Connecticut in early colonial times and was a member of the committee that drafted the constitution of Connecticut, which was used as a model at the time of the drafting of the constitution of the United States. The father of C. E. Hooker was by profession a lawyer and settled in Waupun in the early '40s and was the first of his profession to engage in Waupun in the general practice of law. He was actively associated with the republican party and was influential in its local organization. He continued in the practice of his profession in Waupun until 1889. His wife died in January, 1890. Eli Hooker was a Methodist in religious faith, while his wife was a member of the Baptist church. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Mrs. Viola A. Bell, who is a resident of Waupun; Culver E., of this review; Rosa, who passed away at the age of seven years; and Lillian K., who gave her hand in marriage to Burr W. Davis.

Culver E. Hooker was reared at home and received his early education in the public school in Waupun. After completing his elementary course of studies he was later a student of Lawrence University at Appleton, Wisconsin, after which he attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison, from which he was graduated with the degree of A. B., in the class of 1878. He read law

under his father and was admitted to the Wisconsin bar in 1880, after which he at once established himself in the general practice of law in Waupun. He was a member of the state assembly in 1886 and has been a member of the county board for thirty-one years. He has also been city attorney of Waupun for the past fifteen years and the public administrator of Dodge county for four years.

Mr. Hooker was united in marriage in 1881 to Miss Josephine L. Wheeler, of Waupun. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Wheeler, her father being one of the early pioneers of Dodge county and a man prominent in political affairs in his part of the state. To Mr. and Mrs. Hooker two children were born, one of whom died in infancy, while the other met death in a railroad accident. The mother of this family died in January, 1890, and our subject was married in April, 1892, to Miss Mary A. Wight, of Waupun. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander P. Wight. Mr. Wight was engaged in farming and later took up the implement business, in which he continued until retiring from active life. He and his wife were among the early pioneers of Dodge county. Mr. and Mrs. Hooker are the parents of one child, Edward Wight, aged thirteen.

Mr. Hooker is a member of the Masonic blue lodge, of which he has been master, and has also been high priest of Chapter No. 48, at Waupun, for thirteen years and also belongs to the Commandery No. 5, of Fond du Lac. Mrs. Hooker is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Hooker is known in legal circles in Wisconsin as one of the leading men of his profession and he is a man of influence and held in high esteem by the citizens of the city and county in which he lives.

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#### HERMAN PAUTSCH.

Herman Pautsch, the owner of a well improved and productive farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Chester township, has won success in its careful and systematic operation. His birth occurred in that township on the 12th of October, 1874, his father being Carl Pautsch, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. He attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and subsequently worked on his father's farm until twenty-two years of age. At that time he learned the blacksmith's trade, working at that occupation in Juneau for about four years. Subsequently he spent two years in the employ of L. C. Pautsch and about 1902 rented a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Chester township, cultivating the land for a period of eight years. In 1910 he purchased the property and it has since remained in his possession. He devotes his attention to the pursuits of farming and dairying and has met with success in both connections. He has erected a new residence and repaired the other buildings and has a model farming property.

In 1896 Mr. Pautsch was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Schwantes, who was born in Wausau, Wisconsin, on the 30th of January, 1878, her parents being Albert and Corlena (Radant) Schwantes, the former a native of Theresa township, this county. Carl Schwantes, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Pautsch, was born in Pommern, Germany, and emigrated to the United States

in 1846, while the following year he located in Theresa township, Dodge county, Wisconsin. He had eleven children, of whom Albert Schwantes was the third son born. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schwantes, who are still living, were the parents of six children, four of whom died in early life. The two surviving are as follows: Emma, who is still under the parental roof; and Mrs. Louisa Pautsch. Our subject and his wife have seven children, namely: Arnold, Carl, Elda, Orris, Edna, Ena and Herman, Jr. The members of the family attend the services of Immanuel's Lutheran church at Burnett. Mr. Pautsch has always lived in this county and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen in a degree that can only be won by a life of probity, while his traits of character have won him a wide circle of warm friends.

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#### JACOB MUELLER.

Jacob Mueller has for twenty-eight years been the proprietor and editor of the Dodge County Pioneer, one of the best known and most popular German publications in this section of the state. He is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Milwaukee on the 4th of November, 1849, and a son of George and Anna (Poellert) Mueller. The parents were born, reared and married in the town of Hersbruck, Bavaria, Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States in the spring of 1849, locating in Milwaukee, where the father, who was a carpenter and woodturner, diligently plied his trades. He was one of the many victims of the cholera scourge which swept through this state in 1853, his death occurring just four years after he settled in America. He left his widow and one son, Jacob Mueller. The mother, who celebrated the eighty-sixth anniversary of her birth on October 24, 1912, still resides in Milwaukee.

The only child of a widow in limited circumstances, Jacob Mueller, early assumed the duties of manhood by becoming self-supporting. His education was acquired in the German parochial and public schools of his native city, which he attended until he was a youth of thirteen years. He then started out to make his own way in the world and during the succeeding two years followed such employment as usually falls to the lot of an inexperienced lad. On July 16, 1865, he obtained a place as apprentice on the Milwaukee Herold, being identified with this office for eight years. Having decided to become a newspaper man, he not only mastered the compositor's trade but acquired a thorough knowledge of the business generally, with the firm resolution of some time having a paper of his own. He resigned his position with the Herold on the 14th of June, 1873, and on June 16, of the same year, became a compositor on the Germania, which paper started business at that time and which gave employment to three other compositors. He was the first one to set the type for the first copy of this paper, now one of the best known German publications in Wisconsin. Mr. Mueller remained a member of their force until June 30, 1884. On the second day of the month following he came to Mayville and took possession of the "Dodge County Pioneer" as sole proprietor. This paper was founded on the 10th of March, 1876, by Henry Spiering, who edited it for a time and then sold it. During the intervening years it passed through various hands, always reverting to

Mr. Spiering until purchased by Mr. Mueller. It was published weekly until 1894, since which time it has been issued semi-weekly, the general popularity and size of the publication warranting this change. It is a clean, wholesome, newsy sheet of democratic political principles, its columns stanchly indorsing the candidates and platforms of this party. Mr. Mueller is a man of high standards of citizenship and progressive ideas as he plainly manifests through the medium of his editorials, and can be depended upon to give his support to every progressive movement he feels will tend to promote the development of the town or advance the welfare of its residents. He fully appreciates the power of the press and exercises his influence in support of every worthy movement, and being a man of pronounced ideas and independent views expresses himself clearly and forcibly. Absolutely fearless, he is as ready to denounce evil as commend good, never leaving any doubt in the minds of his readers as to his attitude on a question affecting the interest or welfare of the community.

At Milwaukee on the 5th of June, 1875, Mr. Mueller was married to Miss Anna Scherer, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Johann Bading. Mrs. Mueller is a daughter of Adam and Friederike Scherer, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1851 or 1852, locating in Milwaukee where their daughter was born March 19, 1855. The father was a shoemaker by trade and also a musician of more than average ability. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mueller, of whom four died in infancy. The two following are living: Conrad, who is married and works for his father; and Emma, the wife of Fred Braun, a native of Germany, by whom she has had two children, the elder a son having died and Florence, whose birth occurred on January 21, 1906. They are residing in Mayville, Wisconsin.

In religious faith the family are Lutherans and belong to the German church of that denomination, and Mr. Mueller votes the democratic ticket. He has met with very good success in his business undertakings and in addition to his other interests owns and conducts the Beaumont Hotel, the best hostelry in the town. Mr. Mueller is one of the widely known and highly esteemed residents of the community and has many stanch friends among both the German and American citizens of Dodge county.

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#### EUGENE MOLDENHAUER.

Eugene Moldenhauer owns and operates one hundred and fourteen acres of land on section 26, Lebanon township, the homestead upon which he was born and upon which his entire life has been spent. Long familiarity, early experience and special training have made him an able and successful farmer and are the foundation of an efficiency which combined with well directed labor have made his farm a model agricultural property. He was born the 17th of March, 1881, a son of August and Dina (Wagner) Moldenhauer, natives of Dodge county of German parentage. They are residing in Watertown, the father having reached his sixty-first year and the mother her fifty-sixth. They have two children: Laura, who married John Woltmann, a farmer in Lebanon township; and Eugene, of this review.

Eugene Moldenhauer was educated in the public schools of his native section and has always lived upon the homestead he is now operating. He does general farming and stock-raising, and is making a specialty of breeding pure-blooded Holstein cattle and Chester White hogs. He has a model and sanitary dairy, keeping twelve cows for this purpose and selling his milk to a neighboring cheese factory. Seventy acres of his land are in hay and grain, all of which he feeds to his stock with the exception of his barley which he sells. He has greatly improved the homestead since he assumed its management and most of the barns and outbuildings were erected by him. The principal barn was built in 1903 and is one hundred feet long by forty feet wide and equipped with modern accessories. Mr. Moldenhauer resides in a comfortable brick house, erected in his father's time. He has many friends in this section where he has resided since his birth.

In 1903 Mr. Moldenhauer was united in marriage to Miss Emma Woltmann, a daughter of William and Louisa (Wagner) Woltmann, who were among the early settlers in Dodge county, coming to this section from Germany. They are residing in Watertown. Mrs. Moldenhauer was born November 11, 1878, and lived at home until her marriage. She and her husband have two children, Elmer and Alice, who live at home.

Mr. Moldenhauer is a democrat and has served for two years as chairman of Lebanon township. He and his family belong to the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran church. Most of his time and attention are given to the improvement and development of his farm. His agricultural labors are carried on along progressive lines and, being practical, have resulted in a model farm, every department of which is intelligently managed and in excellent condition. Mr. Moldenhauer has devoted the activities of his life to one thing and in consequence has done that thing well, his fine property standing as an evidence of his ability and industry.

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#### JACOB KOLL.

Jacob Koll is one of the well known and substantial citizens of Theresa Station, where he is engaged in the operation of a large grain elevator and in the buying and selling of corn, grain and seeds. He is interested in the commercial progress of the village where he has resided since he was twenty-three years of age and is prominent and active in the management of several local enterprises. He was born in Theresa township, April 3, 1859, a son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Bodden) Koll, natives of Germany. The father crossed the Atlantic to America in 1848 and settled in Herman township, where he purchased the first farm in the district. Upon this he resided until 1851, coming in that year to Theresa township, where he bought eighty acres of land and began its improvement. He added to his holdings from time to time and at the time of his death, which occurred in 1886, he owned one hundred and eighty acres of highly developed and productive land. After his demise his wife sold part of the farm, retaining only one hundred and thirty-eight acres. She also was born in Germany and

came to America when she was thirteen years of age, settling in Wisconsin with her parents in 1847. She is still residing in Theresa township.

Jacob Koll is the third in a family of eleven children. He was educated in the district and parochial schools of his native section and spent his childhood upon his father's farm. When he was twenty-three years of age he obtained a position in the grain elevator at Theresa Station and has since been identified with that enterprise. In the year 1890 he purchased the business and has since conducted it independently. He also deals in corn, seeds and grain and has built up a steadily increasing trade in these commodities.

In 1887 Mr. Koll was united in marriage to Miss Mary Meixberger, a daughter of Joseph Meixberger, who was born in Germany and who came to America at an early date. He was a wagon maker by trade and followed this line of occupation until his death, which occurred in 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Koll have six children: Orlando, who is cashier of a bank at St. Cloud, Fond du Lac county, and who is married and has one child; Alphonse, who is a graduate of Marquette College and who is engaged in the practice of dentistry at Theresa; and Leo, Edmund, Josephine and Marie, all of whom reside at home.

Mr. Koll served as town clerk for five years. He holds stock in a cement block factory at Theresa and is interested in the Allenton State bank. The upright and honorable standards by which he directs his life and the energy and ability which mark his business ability have gained him a high place in the regard of his fellow citizens as a native son whose activities have been useful and valuable.

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#### EDWARD A. MARSH.

Edward A. Marsh is one of the highly respected citizens of Waupun, Wisconsin, of which city he has been a resident since 1901. He is the owner of one of the highly developed farms of Dodge county which he operates under lease, and makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Holstein cattle. He was born February 7, 1864, in Chester township, Dodge county, and is a son of Silas A. and Lucy Ann (Davenport) Marsh, the former a native of St. Albans, Vermont, and the latter of Homer, Cortland county, New York. The father removed from his native state, settling in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, in 1839, where he remained for some time and later, in 1844, he established his home in Dodge county, where he continued to live until 1879. Silas A. Marsh was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Ann Davenport in Wisconsin, and they became the parents of four sons: Charles, Damon and William, all of whom are deceased; and Edward A., who is the subject of this review. The mother of this family was of Scotch descent and died in Waupun in 1904.

Edward A. Marsh was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools. He remained under the parental roof and in later life took charge of his father's farm, on which he continued to reside until 1901. In that year he rented the old homestead which he now owns and removed to Waupun, where he has since continued to reside, having retired from active work. In 1908 he purchased stock in the National Bank of Waupun, after

which he was elected to the board of directors of that financial institution and has since continued to serve in that capacity. He is also one of the stockholders in the Palma Shoe Company of Waupun.

Mr. Marsh was united in marriage Octob - 11, 1893, to Miss Edith Belle Deverell of Dodge county. She is a daughter of William and Eliza Deverell, who were among the early settlers of Dodge county and later removed to Minnesota, where the birth of Mrs. Marsh occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh became the parents of three children, Hannah L., Florence E. and Edward T. Mr. Marsh gives his political support to the republican party, and has served on the board of supervisors and also for several terms has been treasurer of the township in which he lives. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and has passed through all the chairs. He and Mrs. Marsh are communicants of the Congregational church. Mr. Marsh is one of the well known and valued citizens of Dodge county where, for many years, he has been successful in the conduct of his stock farm, making a specialty of raising Holstein cattle. He is always to be relied upon to give his assistance to the advancement of any public measure intended to improve the condition of people in his county and state.

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#### EDWARD A. BARTSCH.

Edward A. Bartsch, who is engaged in the general mercantile business, has been identified with commercial interests in Mayville since 1904, with the exception of two years. His birth occurred here on the 17th of March, 1875, his parents being Charles A. and Mary (Ende) Bartsch, both natives of Germany. The father was only a child when he came to America with his parents, who located in Dodge county in 1852. The paternal grandfather, Ernest Bartsch, was one of the pioneer farmers of this section, where he passed away a few years after his arrival. The education of Charles A. Bartsch was obtained in the schools of his home district and those of Mayville. After leaving school he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits for many years, subsequently becoming identified with the Northwestern Iron Company of Mayville. He is still living, as is also the mother, who was a girl of twelve or fifteen years when she came to the United States. They became the parents of three children, the daughter, Anna, marrying H. Bruder, who is engaged in the manufacture of cigars in Mayville.

Edward A. Bartsch passed his boyhood and early youth in practically the same manner as other lads, who are reared in country communities. He received a common-school education and, having resolved to devote himself to commercial activities, after laying aside his text-books, entered the employ of William Schwartz, for whom he clerked for seven years. He next became identified with the firm of Lutz & Eldredge at Gardiner, Illinois, but two years later he returned to Mayville, accepting a clerkship in the general mercantile store of H. Hamm. His connection with this enterprise covered a period of six years, at the expiration of which time, in 1904, he and his brother, C. F. Bartsch, purchased the business. They were associated together under the firm name of Bartsch Brothers for nearly five years, meeting with a goodly measure of success in the development of their interests. Edward A. Bartsch next went into the commission busi-



ness, as a member of the firm of Bartsch-Welsch Company, with which he is still identified. Two years later he extended the scope of his activities by again engaging in the general mercantile business in Mayville.

On the 16th of October, 1899, Mr. Bartsch was married to Miss Bertha Stach, a daughter of John and Amelia (Morenzine) Stach, natives of Germany. The mother is still living but the father, who for many years was connected with agricultural interests in Dodge county, is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bartsch have one child, Arthur.

Fraternally Mr. Bartsch is affiliated with the Mayville camp of the Modern Woodmen of America; Mayville Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M.; Horicon Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M.; and the Gesang Verein. In his political views he is republican and is a member of the town council, of which he was president for three terms, and is now chairman of the committee on streets and bridges. In matters of citizenship as well as in those of business, Mr. Bartsch is enterprising and progressive, discharging his duties in any connection with the punctuality and decision characteristic of the man of well organized ideas and systematic methods.

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#### EMIL P. DORNFELD.

For three generations members of the Dornfeld family have lived upon the old homestead and have farmed its two hundred and fifteen acres, located on sections 27, 28, 29, and 35, Lebanon township. The present representative Emil P. Dornfeld, has one of the finest tracts of land in this district and is in the front rank of progressive agriculturists. He was born November 29, 1876, a son of Fred and Louisa (Baer) Dornfeld, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1843, settling in Dodge county. The grandparents of our subject also located in this section at an early date and resided here until their deaths. Fred Dornfeld was one of the first farmers who purchased government lands in Lebanon township and he followed general farming upon the property thus acquired until his death which occurred in 1890, when he was sixty-seven years of age. He is buried in Lebanon cemetery. His wife makes her home with the subject of this review.

Emil P. Dornfeld was educated in the public schools of his native section, graduating from the Horicon high school in 1896. When he completed his studies he returned to the homestead and has since resided upon this property. He does general farming and stock-raising, milking twenty-five cows and selling his milk to a neighboring cheese factory. One hundred and sixty acres of his farm is under cultivation, the rest being marsh and woodland. He raises principally hay and grain, all of which, with the exception of his barley, he feeds to his fine herd of graded Holstein cattle and Chester White hogs. For his barley he obtains excellent prices in the local markets, the quality of his grain being well known. He has for some time specialized in the breeding of Belgium hares and has been unusually successful in this branch of his activities. He is also interested in raising sugar beets. His farm is modern and up-to-date in every particular, the improvements having been made by the father of our subject and kept in repair by constant care and supervision.

On December 26, 1906, Mr. Dornfeld was united in marriage to Miss Helen Braeger, a daughter of Angus and Tina (Ott) Braeger, early settlers in Dodge county. The father died in 1902 when he was fifty-three years of age and the mother makes her home in Watertown. They had six children, of whom Mrs. Dornfeld was the third, born September 16, 1886. Our subject and his wife have two children, Venita and Harold.

Mr. Dornfeld gives his allegiance to the democratic party and is at present chairman of Lebanon township, in his first term of service. For three years he was township clerk and did able and conscientious work in this capacity. He and his family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. By constantly following progressive methods and by making his long experience in practical agriculture effective Mr. Dornfeld has put his farm in excellent condition and made it one of the most modern and highly developed properties in this section.

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#### GEBHARD WEBER.

Gebhard Weber is proprietor of a large brewery in the village of Theresa and has been interested in this enterprise for almost forty years. During this period he has given most of his time and attention to its conduct and by reason of his long experience and the industry and integrity which are elements in his character has made it one of the important enterprises of its kind in Dodge county. He has been a resident of Theresa since he was seven years of age but was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, September 4, 1846. His father, Benedict Weber, came to America with his family in 1853 and settled in Theresa, where he became connected with the brewing industry. He followed that line of activity until his death, which occurred in 1864. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Josephine Weiss, a native of Germany, in which country their marriage occurred. She died in 1885.

Gebhard Weber is the eldest in a family of four children. He was educated in the district and German schools of Dodge county and when he laid aside his books learned the brewing business, which he has followed since that time. It was in 1873 that he became sole owner of his present enterprise and for almost forty years has been active in its management. He has founded a distinct and substantial prosperity upon a thorough acquaintance with the best and most modern methods of brewing and upon business principles which are always fair and honorable and has made his brewery an important business institution and gained for himself recognition as a man of resourceful ability, whose energies have been factors in the industrial growth of the village. He has invested the money which he made judiciously and owns stock in several local enterprises, including the electric light company. He is also the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and forty-six acres in Dodge county.

On April 14, 1874, Mr. Weber was united in marriage to Miss Marie M. Husting, a daughter of Nicholas Husting, one of the first settlers in Theresa, who came to the village in 1855 and who died here in 1896. His wife was Miss Marion Faber and her death occurred in 1907. Mrs. Weber was born in Germany and was five years of age when she came to America. She has spent

practically all her life in Wisconsin. She and her husband have had eight children: Arnold E., who is married and resides in Theresa, where he is engaged in the insurance business; Bertram, who is engaged in the brewing business with his father and who is married; Victor R., who with his wife and child resides in Theresa, where he is a hardware merchant; Cornelius G., of Great Falls, Montana, who was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1908 as an electrical engineer; Waldemar, at home; Alexia, who is a student in the Mayville high school; Camilla, who is also attending high school; and one, who died in infancy.

Mr. Weber gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and was the first president of the village of Theresa. He is actively and intelligently interested in the affairs of the community but does not seek public office. He has been a business man since he began his active career and at the present time as head of a growing enterprise is evidencing qualities of sagacity, initiative and ability which have made him distinctly successful.

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#### HENRY FELLEZ.

Henry Fellenz is a partner in the firm of Fellenz & Bartelt, general merchants in Theresa, and has aided by his industry and experience in making the business with which he is connected flourishing and prosperous. He has been a resident of Wisconsin all his life and of the village of Theresa for seven years. He was born on December 4, 1876, in Scott township, Sheboygan county, a son of Joseph and Anna (Koelch) Fellenz. His father was a native of Germany and came to America when he was nine years of age, settling with his parents in Scott township. He was educated in the district schools and his active career was spent in farming. He lived in Sheboygan county for many years and there died in 1899. His wife is still living.

Henry Fellenz is the fourth in a family of six children. He received his education in the district schools of his native section and after he laid aside his books clerked in general merchandise store in West Bend. There he remained for twelve years, gaining by personal experience valuable knowledge of modern methods of operation. In 1905 he removed to Theresa and formed a partnership with a Mr. Hagner in the operation of a general store which was conducted under the name of Hagner & Fellenz. After five years Mr. Hagner sold out his interests, which were purchased by Mr. Bartelt, and the enterprise has since operated under the name of Fellenz & Bartelt. By hard work, honesty and business ability Mr. Fellenz has been steadily successful in the management of his store and his trade is growing gradually but surely. In all his business affairs he is alert and enterprising and has met with a degree of prosperity which rewards labor when combined with efficiency. He is a stockholder in a local milling company and also in the Theresa Electric Light Company.

In 1901 Mr. Fellenz was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Berres, of St. Michael, Washington county, and a daughter of John and Catherine Berres, the former a prominent farmer in that district. Mr. and Mrs. Fellenz have two children, Marcella and Pearlie.

In his political views Mr. Fellenz is a consistent democrat, but his attention has always been absorbed by his mercantile interests and he has never sought public office. He works for his advancement and by promoting his own success along worthy and progressive lines has made his influence felt in the commercial development of the village.

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THEODORE LEHMANN.

Prosperity has attended the efforts of Theodore Lehmann, a breeder of registered Holstein-Friesian cattle and a well known farmer of the town of Emmet, who owns and cultivates a farm on section 22. Diligence and enterprise have constituted the foundation of his success and through well directed effort he has worked his way upward until his position as a leading business man, farmer and breeder of Emmet township is well established. He was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, July 16, 1874, and while spending his youthful days upon his father's farm attended the public schools during the winter months, while the summer seasons were devoted to farm work. He is, however, largely a self-educated man, acquiring much of his knowledge through reading and experience after attaining his majority. He clerked in a store for three years in early manhood and thus obtained a practical business training along commercial lines. Subsequently he went to Milwaukee, where he was employed by the Milwaukee Harvester Company and also worked for a time in the machinery business for other parties at Johnson's Creek, Wisconsin. In 1900 he came to Dodge county and for five years thereafter engaged in the cultivation of a farm. In 1905 he made purchase of eighty-one acres, constituting his present farm, and, locating upon this place, he began to further develop and improve it. It is an excellent property, being known as one of the leading stock farms of this part of the state. When he came to Dodge county in 1900 he brought with him some high-grade Holstein cattle, which he began to breed and improve and in 1903 he made his first purchase of registered stock. For the last five years he has handled only pure-blooded, registered cattle and he has raised and sold some fine animals, shipping stock to Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan and to numerous points in other states. He now has a very fine herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle, which are tuberculin tested. He has made some fine official records with some of his cows. The herd is headed by a bull whose dam, a sister of the world's record cow, Grace Fayne, with a record of thirty-five and fifty-five hundredths pounds of butter in seven days. Mr. Lehmann certainly stands in the front rank with a superior herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle, as is substantiated by the following, taken from the Watertown Times:

"Editor Daily News: Last fall and winter I have seen a number of articles in the Times in regard to daily and monthly milk production, and the amount of money received per month at the Van Camp factory, but I have failed to see a single item in yearly production. So I thought it would perhaps interest some of your readers to know what has been going on at Inland Stock Farm with a herd of registered Holsteins, of which Watertown is the second largest center in the state, and Wisconsin is second in this continent.

"My herd consists mostly of two and three year olds, and the milk was hauled to a cheese factory, averaging 8,402 pounds per head, for which I received \$114.43 per head. Besides all calves but two were raised on fresh milk until three months of age, which means at least 1,000 to 1,200 pounds per calf more, besides what was used in the home, and we all like it. This is not meant as a brag, because I know that there are other herds that have done a good deal better, but just to start the ball a rolling and get others to do likewise or better. I also expect to do better this year as most of my cows were young.—Theodore Lehmann, A Watertown Booster."

In addition he is engaged in raising pedigreed seed grain, including barley, oats, corn and wheat. He is a member of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Association and he stands for progress along all lines that contribute to the success and welfare of the farmer and stock-raiser.

Mr. Lehmann was married in Watertown, October 31, 1900, to Miss Lillie Habegger, who was born in Fulda, Minnesota, and came to Watertown with her family when she was eight years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann have four children, Otto, Ray, Theodore and Verna. Politically Mr. Lehmann is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He and his family are members of the Watertown Lutheran church and his interest in general affairs is that of a public-spirited citizen, who always stands for welfare and improvement.

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#### REV. FRANCIS C. PICHERY.

Rev. Francis C. Pichery has for the past ten years officiated as priest of St. Andrew's church in Leroy and is well known as a devout and zealous worker in the interests of Catholicism here. His birth occurred in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on the 13th of October, 1867, his parents being J. H. and Mary (Kusterer) Pichery. The father, who was born in 1834, passed away in the year 1889, while the mother, whose natal year was 1836, was called to her final rest in 1906. Henry C. Pichery, the paternal grandfather of our subject, spent his entire life in Marburg, Germany. In his family were five children, three sons and two daughters. Two of the sons became physicians by profession. J. H. Pichery, whose birth occurred in Marburg, Germany, learned the barber's trade and also gained a knowledge of the profession of dentistry. He was the only son of his father's family who emigrated to America, crossing the Atlantic in 1854 and coming direct to Wisconsin. Locating at Beaver Dam, he there worked at his trade throughout the remainder of his life. At the time of the Civil war he went to the defense of the Union, enlisting at New Lisbon and making a creditable record as a valiant and loyal soldier. It was shortly after his arrival in this county that he wedded Miss Mary Kusterer, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Kaufmann) Kusterer, both of whom were born near Ratisbon, Bavaria. They came to the United States in 1854, locating in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, where Michael Kusterer worked at the tailor's trade. He later purchased land and turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. In his family were seven children, of whom Mrs. Pichery was the third in order of birth. Unto Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pichery were born four children, as follows: Anna, the



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deceased wife of Lorenz Faust, of Oshkosh, by whom she had six children; William J., who is pastor of St. John's church in Jefferson, Wisconsin; Francis C., of this review; and Mary, who is the wife of Joseph Thomas, of Milwaukee, by whom she has two children.

Francis C. Pichery obtained his early education in the parochial school at Beaver Dam and when a youth of fifteen entered St. Francis Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1895. He was first assigned as assistant to Father Willmes at St. Mary's church in Milwaukee, remaining there for two years. In 1897 he took charge of St. Charles church at Cassville, Grant county, Wisconsin, and in 1899 was transferred to Neosho. In 1902 he was given charge of St. Andrew's church at Leroy, Dodge county, and here he has remained to the present time. Under his supervision the convent was built in 1904, the school-house has been enlarged, stained glass windows have been placed in the church and the property has been improved generally, about twelve thousand dollars having been expended in this way during Father Pichery's pastorate. The church property is valued at about forty thousand dollars. St. Andrew's school, which was erected under Father Fessler in 1882, is taught by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Racine and has an attendance of about one hundred and fifty children. There are eight grades, and graduates are admitted to the Mayville high school. Rev. Pichery has the love and cooperation of his parishioners in an unusual degree and his labors are proving a potent element in the spread of Catholicity here.

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#### RICHARD ROLL, Sr.

Since beginning his career at the age of sixteen Richard Roll's activities have touched and influenced every important phase of agricultural, business and educational life of Hustisford township, his native section. While he engaged in farming he was one of the forces in the development and establishment of progressive agricultural methods and his work along business lines in the village has been always of the constructive and forceful kind which promotes general activity. Mr. Roll was born one and a half miles from the village of Hustisford, on April 1, 1860, and is a son of Frederick and Charlotta (Wegner) Roll, natives of Prussia, Germany, the father born March 1, 1830, and the mother, June 6, 1833. They were married in Berlin and came to America in 1855, settling immediately in Hustisford township, on an unimproved farm. Upon his property the father of our subject resided until 1899, in which year he moved into Hustisford, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred January 3, 1903. He was one of the well known and widely popular men of this section and was interested in public affairs, especially as they effected school expansion. He held various offices along this line in his district and did able work in any position which he held. His wife survived him nine years, dying February 20, 1912. They were the parents of four children: Frederick, who is living retired in Hustisford; Gustav, who is engaged in farming north of Mayville; Richard, of this review; and Hattie, who resides with her oldest brother.

Richard Roll, Sr., acquired his early education in the district schools of Hustisford township and completed his studies in the Horicon high school and in Ripon College. He is in all essential respects a self-made man, for he began earning his own livelihood at the age of sixteen and has been independent of outside aid since that time. His first position was as a farm hand at fourteen dollars per month, but he worked in this capacity only during the summers, spending his winters in school. In this way he acquired an excellent education and by study, reading and observation, fitted himself for teaching. When he was eighteen years of age he took his first teacher's examination, standing before the examining board dressed in a pair of overalls. With his characteristic energy he worked his way upward in his chosen line of work and finally in 1882 became principal of the Hustisford schools. He held this position until 1902 but for some time conducted a general insurance and real-estate office in connection with his duties as a teacher. In 1902 he became cashier of the Hustisford State Bank and still continues in that position. He was the organizer of the Marshfield State Bank and was its president for three years, and is also connected as stockholder with the Burnett State Bank. He has proved himself a careful and conservative financier, a close student of modern banking methods and the institutions with which he is connected are among the most solid and reliable banks in this part of the state. However, his identification with banking forms only one of Mr. Roll's important business associations. He has been carried forward by sheer force of his ability and discrimination into relations which touch almost every kind of business enterprise in the township. He is vice president of the Milwaukee Western Interurban Railroad Company, a director and stockholder in the Hustisford Canning Company, president of the Roll-Dehne Mercantile Company at Burnett Junction, a stockholder in the Hustisford Mercantile Company and president of the Burnett Mercantile Company. He has besides become during the years an important factor in agricultural circles. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of the finest improved land in the county, which he has rented to the Hustisford Canning Company, and for thirty years he was secretary of the Hustisford Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, still retaining his membership.

On January 11, 1882, Mr. Roll married Miss Anna Schmidt, who was born in Hustisford, August 12, 1862, a daughter of Dr. J. A. Schmidt, a native of Saxony, Germany. He and his wife came to America about the year 1857 and located in Hustisford, where Dr. Schmidt practiced his profession for over thirty years. At the end of that time he moved to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where he now resides, his wife having passed away in Hustisford. Mr. and Mrs. Roll have three children. Amos, who was born November 9, 1883, married Miss Meta Zilish, of Hustisford, and is cashier of the Marshfield State Bank at Marshfield, Wisconsin. Hugo, whose birth occurred July 7, 1885, wedded Miss Bessie Winkie, of Burnett. They reside in Burnett Junction, where Mr. Roll is cashier of the Burnett State Bank. Richard, Jr., whose natal day was June 10, 1888, was united in marriage to Miss Dina Roeseler, of Hustisford. Mr. Roll is principal of the Hustisford schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roll, Sr., are devout adherents of the Union church. Fraternally he is prominent in the Masonic order, holding membership in the lodge at Neosho and in the chapter at Horicon. He belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives a general allegiance to the democratic party



but upon all doubtful questions votes according to his personal conviction. He is president of the school board but beyond this has never been connected with official public life, and yet no man in the county is more richly endowed with the qualities essential to good citizenship—the active interest in development and growth, the quiet but forceful work along expanding lines, the steady adherence to high standards in business and private relations and the loyal public spirit.

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ROBERT IRVING.

Robert Irving, living retired at No. 315 North Warren street, Watertown, has a record of over fifteen years of continuous identification with democratic politics of his county, during which time he was never defeated for office. His popularity and the efficacy of his work are evidenced by the fact that he was time after time given positions of trust and confidence by his fellow citizens who knew his reliable and upright qualities and who honored him for his work and achievement. He was born in the village of Greenbush, Rensselaer county, New York, February 27, 1840, a son of Thomas and Mary (Casey) Irving, who were born in Ireland. The father of our subject was reared and educated in County Tyrone and came to the United States in 1833, settling immediately in Rensselaer county, New York, where he worked upon a farm for some time. Afterward he moved to Albany where he established a dairy, selling his milk in the markets of the city. This enterprise he conducted until 1846 when he moved with his family to Dodge county where he bought forty acres of government land in Clyman township, which he improved and developed, adding to his holdings from time to time until he had one hundred and forty acres. He died upon his farm June 18, 1873, when he was sixty years of age. His wife passed away June 4, 1873, also in her sixtieth year. Both were members of the Roman Catholic church. In their family were six children: Robert, the subject of this review; Maria, the wife of Jacob Burger, of Clyman township; Richard, of Watertown; Thomas, who has passed away; Catharine, the deceased wife of Mr. Milligan; and Sarah, the deceased wife of Patrick Stanton.

Robert Irving was reared upon his father's farm in Dodge county, having reached the sixth year of his age when the family moved to that section. Consequently his early education was received in the district schools and when he had completed the usual course he entered Wayland University at Beaver Dam. In the fall of 1863 he began teaching school and for twenty-three years followed this line of occupation, being employed for seventeen years of that time in three adjoining districts.

On the 26th of November, 1890, Mr. Irving married Miss Lizzie Lahm, a daughter of John and Anna Gertrude (Runkel) Lahm, who came to America from Prussia, in 1848, and located in Lowell township, Dodge county, where they passed away, the mother in 1872 when she was fifty-four years of age and the father in 1903, aged eighty-four. In their family were five children: Elizabeth, Caroline, William, Philip and Ettie. Mrs. Irving is a descendant of a long line of German ancestors, her paternal grandfather, John Lahm, being a native of that country and prominent in religious circles of that section. He and his wife

died in the fatherland. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Irving were John and Elizabeth (Hess) Runkel, who lived and died in Germany. Mrs. Irving was formerly a member of the Lutheran church, her parents and grandparents having been adherents of that religion. She and her husband, however, now belong to the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Irving was for many years prominent in democratic politics in Dodge county, having made this his principal interest after he abandoned school teaching. He did able and effective work as supervisor of Clyman township and afterward held the positions of chairman and assessor of that district. For seven years he was chairman of Emmet township and for three years of that time was chairman of the county board, bringing to the discharge of his official duties a conscientiousness, energy, and resourceful ability which made him an ideal public servant. He met with his usual success during his four-year term as county clerk and only abandoned his active identification with local political life upon his retirement on April 27, 1897, when he moved to Watertown where he has since resided. He and his wife are highly respected in this city where their many worthy qualities of mind and character have gained them many friends.

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#### HORATIO H. HOARD.

Horatio H. Hoard is one of the well known business men of Waupun, where he is successfully engaged in the general mercantile business. He was born January 26, 1856, in Wyoming county, New York, and is a son of Harry H. and Rebecca (Avery) Hoard. The paternal great-grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier and the grandfather was a veteran of the War of 1812. He was one of the first settlers in Wyoming county, New York, where he died at the age of ninety-two. The grandmother died when ninety years old. The father of our subject was a recruiting officer during the war of the rebellion and later captain of the New York state militia. He died in New York in 1861. The mother, still living at the age of eighty-eight, maintains her residence with the subject of this review. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Jeannette, who passed away at the age of forty years; Oliver, who died when forty-five years old; Lauren, who is engaged in the jewelry business at Waupun; Horatio H., of this review; and Ella, the wife of T. G. Simpson, of North Dakota.

Horatio H. Hoard was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools. He later completed his high-school course at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. At the age of sixteen he took up work for John Roberts of Waupun and continued in that occupation for four years. He then established himself in the general merchandising business, in which he has since continued and has met with gratifying success. His business is now operated under the firm name of H. H. Hoard & Son Company.

Mr. Hoard was first united in marriage in 1876 to Miss Elva Wilcox, who was a granddaughter of the first settler of Waupun and a daughter of Heman and Esther (Maxwell) Wilcox. The mother was a native of Ireland and died at the age of forty. Mrs. Hoard was born in 1857 and died at Waupun in 1905. She was the mother of three children, as follows: Harry, born in 1885, who is

a graduate of the agricultural school at Madison; Schuyler, whose natal year was 1887; and Nilla, who was born in 1889 and is still at home. The last named completed a course in domestic science at Downer College. In 1908 Mr. Hoard married Miss Frances Learned, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Learned, who were early settlers of Wisconsin. The mother is still living at the age of seventy-two and resides in Milwaukee.

Mr. Hoard is affiliated with the democratic party and was appointed by Governor McGovern a member of the conservative commission of Wisconsin. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church of Waupun. Mr. Hoard has always been known as a man of strict integrity in business matters and has by virtue of a consistent and well ordered life acquired and maintained the respect and confidence of all the people with whom he has come in contact, and he is numbered among the useful citizens of his county and state.

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#### HERMAN ZIEMER.

Herman Ziemer resides on section 29, in the town of Emmet, Dodge county, where he is well known not only as a practical and successful farmer but also as the efficient chairman of the town board. He is one of the county's native sons, his birth having occurred in the town of Lebanon, February 23, 1861. His father, Henry Ziemer, was born in Prussia, Germany, and was a son of Charles Ziemer, a carpenter by trade, who came to the new world with his family in 1858. He made his way direct to Wisconsin, settling in Lebanon township, Dodge county, where he took up the occupation of farming, being among the first to engage in agricultural pursuits in that district. Henry Ziemer was a young man when he came with his parents to the new world and he soon became an active factor in the business activity of Dodge county. He was a successful farmer, purchasing and owning two different tracts of land which he brought under a high state of cultivation and developed into valuable properties. He spent his active life upon the farm and is now living retired at the age of eighty-three, while his wife is seventy-six years of age. They now make their home with their son Herman, who is caring for them in their declining years. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Caroline Schwartz, is also a native of Germany.

Herman Ziemer is the only living son in a family of four children. He was reared upon the old homestead farm in the town of Lebanon and acquired his education in the common schools. His boyhood and youth were devoted to the work of the fields and later he took charge of the place and business, relieving his father of all care, labor and anxiety. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work and his well directed energies are evidenced in the excellent appearance of the place and the abundant crops there gathered. He now has a farm of ninety acres of well improved and valuable land and in connection with the tilling of the soil he makes a specialty of raising high-grade Holstein cattle. He is also a stockholder in the Globe cooperative cheese factory and carries on dairying to some extent, having a herd of twenty Holsteins. He also raises Chester White hogs and horses, and at all times he believes in the

improvement of the grade of stock raised as well as in advancement in general agricultural matters. Aside from his individual interests as a farmer and stock-raiser he is a stockholder in the Inter-County Fair Association of Watertown and also of the Watertown Telephone Company. He is likewise a member of the Breeders Live Stock Association of Wisconsin and of the American Chester White Hog Record Association.

In the town of Emmet, on the 5th of July, 1888, Mr. Ziemer was united in marriage to Miss Dina Hildermann, who was born and reared in this county. They have become the parents of five children, Della, Sedia, Arthur, Aurelia and George. The eldest son is now assisting his father in carrying on the home farm. The parents are members of the Watertown Lutheran church and Mr. Ziemer takes an active interest in local politics, having always given his support to the democratic party. Appreciative of his worth and ability, his fellow townsmen elected him chairman of the town board of Emmet, on which he has now served for two terms. He is an active and progressive man in both matters of citizenship and of business and his well formulated plans and unflinching industry enable him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

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#### JAMES C. MOYLAN.

James C. Moylan, who was born December 23, 1864, on the farm which he now cultivates, is a prominent agriculturist of Dodge county. His property comprises one hundred acres on section 17, Trenton township, which are highly improved and on which he follows agricultural pursuits along modern and progressive lines. Beside general farming he gives attention to stock-raising, making a specialty of dairying and the breeding of hogs and horses for the market. His labors have not only been of material success to himself but have played an important part in the development and progress of agricultural interests in this section. His parents were John and Catherine (Malone) Moylan, natives of the Emerald isle, who crossed the Atlantic to seek better living conditions in this land of opportunities. They were married in this county and soon afterward the father bought the place on which our subject now resides and there made his home. It was in 1847 that Mr. and Mrs. John Moylan located here and they were among the early pioneers of this section. When the father acquired the land it was in a raw state and he made thereon the first improvements and gradually brought all the land under cultivation and attained success in his pursuits. On the 9th of June, 1894, he passed away on this property, at the age of seventy-six years, while the mother had preceded him in death twenty years, having died in 1874, at the age of thirty-eight. They are both buried in St. Mary's cemetery in Trenton township.

James C. Moylan was fourth in a family of eight children, of whom his brother Joseph P. was born February 3, 1867, and now lives on the home place with our subject. He has made the homestead his residence almost constantly and assists his brother in the management and labors on the farm. His political affiliations are with the democratic party and he is a member of St. Patrick's church of Beaver Dam.

James C. Moylan was reared upon the homestead and attended the public schools of the neighborhood. After laying aside his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the farm and gained valuable knowledge along agricultural lines, which stood him in good stead in later life. Since his father's death he has taken full charge and gives his attention to general farming and stock-raising. He has fourteen high-grade Holstein cows and sells his milk to the cheese factories. He makes a specialty of raising Poland China hogs for the market and also breeds Percheron horses. All his land is well improved and under the plow; his fields are fenced and about six acres are hog tight. In 1903 he built a handsome frame residence upon the property, in which the family make their home. In 1895 he erected a barn, the dimensions of which are thirty-two by fifty-six feet, and he has put up other outbuildings to house his grain and stock. The water supply for all purposes comes from drilled wells.

In 1896 Mr. Moylan was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bowe, a daughter of John and Ellen (Mahoney) Bowe, natives of Ireland. They were among the first settlers in this county and the father was a veteran of the Mexican war. Both parents of Mrs. Moylan have passed away and are buried in St. Mary's cemetery. Mrs. Moylan was the youngest of eight children and was born June 15, 1865. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Moylan have been born two children: James H., who is attending the State Agricultural College at Madison to better prepare himself for agricultural pursuits; and Helen C.

Mr. Moylan is an adherent of the democratic party and votes for the candidates and measures of this organization in national and state politics. He takes laudable interest in local public affairs and is a champion of educational improvement. For twelve years he has served as a member of the school board and has been instrumental in bettering the school system and educational facilities of his district. Mr. Moylan and his family are devout communicants of St. Patrick's Catholic church of Beaver Dam and both he and his wife take an active interest in church work. His fraternal affiliations are confined to his membership in the Catholic Order of Foresters. Mr. Moylan has been an important factor in the agricultural development of the section in which he lives and his farm today is one of the model places of its kind in the county. He may well be proud of the success he has attained. He and his wife have made many friends in this section, in which he has lived since his birth, and both are highly esteemed by all those who know them.

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#### ERNST E. BUTTERBRODT.

Ernst E. Butterbrodt was born January 7, 1858, in Germany, and is now living on one hundred and twenty acres of highly improved land on sections 8 and 17, Trenton township. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and his efforts have been attended with remarkable success. He has greatly improved the farm upon which he lives and has placed thereon a fine residence and a number of other buildings necessary for its cultivation. His parents were August and Wilhelmina (Kuehn) Butterbrodt, who in 1864 emigrated from the fatherland to America when our subject was only six years of age. They proceeded

directly to Wisconsin and there the father bought fifty-three acres of land, which were partly developed and where he has made his home ever since. From time to time he has added to his original farm until he owns one hundred and fifty acres. He now makes his home there at the age of eighty-three years. The mother is still living at the age of seventy-five.

Ernst E. Butterbrodt was the eldest of ten children. He was reared at home and received his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. He ably assisted his father in the work on the farm and became acquainted with agricultural methods, remaining under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-five, when he commenced upon an independent career by engaging in farm work on his own account on the place on which he now lives, which he bought at that time. Mr. Butterbrodt engages in general farming and stock-raising. He has a herd of fifteen cows and sells his milk to the cheese factories. He also raises Chester White hogs for the market. His land is all in a high state of cultivation and all the hay and grain is used for his stock except the barley, which he sells in the market. He follows along scientific lines in raising his stock and receives the highest prices the market commands for all his products. In 1907 he remodeled his residence, putting in modern improvements, and in 1910 he enlarged his barn, making it twenty-four by eighty-six feet, and placed a cement floor therein. He receives his water supply from drilled wells. There is a fine orchard upon his place, which has been set out by our subject, and all the improvements thereon have been brought about by his labors. Mr. Butterbrodt beside his farm interests is also a stockholder in the cheese factory.

Mr. Butterbrodt married, on March 29, 1883, Miss Ida Zuelke, a daughter of Michael and Wilhelmina Zuelke, who were among the pioneer settlers of this county. Her father passed away before her marriage and her mother died in 1894. Mrs. Butterbrodt was the second of four children, born October 19, 1854. To our subject and his wife eight children were born: Frank R., of Beaver Dam, who is married and has two children; Alvin, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Ella, Frida, Edwin, Roland, Nora and Alida, all of whom are at home. The two youngest, Nora and Alida, are now attending high school. Mr. Butterbrodt and his family are members of the Lutheran church of Beaver Dam and they take an active and helpful interest in this organization. He has attained a creditable success in his endeavors and his labors have contributed to the agricultural development of the state. He and his wife have made many friends in this section and they are greatly honored and esteemed by all who know them.

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#### ROLAND R. WILLIAMS.

One of the well known native sons of Dodge county and one of the progressive and enterprising farmers and dairymen of Calamus township is Roland R. Williams, who is cultivating an excellent tract of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 14 and 23, constituting the farm upon which his father settled after his arrival from Wales in 1850. By industry and hard work he has brought

his land to a high state of development, adhering steadily to his father's policy of improvement. Mr. Williams was born upon the farm which he is now operating, July 14, 1850, and is a son of Owen and Margaret (Rowland) Williams, natives of Wales. The father emigrated to America in 1850 and settled upon a farm in Calamus township, which he cultivated and improved until his death, which occurred in 1873. The mother of our subject was born in 1813 and died in Dodge county in 1897. She and her husband had five children: John R., who is married and lives in Pasadena, California; Elizabeth, at home; Owen, a resident of Fallon, Montana; Thomas, who was born in 1855 and died in 1873; and Roland R., of this review.

Roland R. Williams was educated in the district schools of his native section and from his early childhood assisted his father in the work of improving and developing the homestead. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land, eighty-five of which are under cultivation. It is a valuable and well improved property, equipped with fine buildings and modern accessories and its owner is accounted one of the progressive and substantial agriculturists of his section, his early training and his interest in his work constituting important elements in his success. He carries on general farming and raises cattle of all grades but his principal income is derived from his dairy, which is a model enterprise of its kind. He keeps a herd of high-grade cows for this purpose and sells his product to a neighboring cheese factory.

Mr. Williams is a member of the Welsh Presbyterian church and is known throughout the section in which he resides as a man of exemplary character. He represents farming in its newest and most progressive developments and has won success by industry, ability and practical common sense, these qualities uniting to make him an upright man and a useful citizen.

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#### RICHARD MAURER.

Richard Maurer was born August 9, 1853, in the town of Hartford, Washington county, this state, and now resides on an extensive piece of highly cultivated farm property, comprising three hundred and thirty acres on sections 4 and 5, Trenton township. He has made a creditable record along agricultural lines, his course being marked by steady progress, gained through modern, progressive methods. His work has not only brought him material success but has been a valuable asset in the agricultural development of this section. His parents were Richard and Eva (Schroeder) Maurer, natives of Germany, where they were married before coming to America in 1853. After their arrival in this country they proceeded directly to Wisconsin and settled in the town of Hartford, Washington county, where the father bought land, which he brought under cultivation and where he made his home until 1877, when he sold his holdings to remove to Dodge county. Here he invested in one hundred and ninety acres, which form part of the place our subject now owns. It was partly improved at the time of the purchase and Richard Maurer devoted the rest of his life to its further improvement and cultivation. He passed away August 17, 1911, in his eighty-third year, and is buried in Oakwood cemetery at Beaver

Dam. The mother survives at the age of seventy-eight years and makes her home with our subject. Richard Maurer was the eldest of seven children, of whom only two are now living, our subject and a sister, Alberta Dena, who makes her home with her brother.

Richard Maurer was reared at home and gained his education in the district schools near his father's farm. Laying aside his text-books, he assisted his father in the work around the place and gained valuable agricultural knowledge. He became efficient along various lines of agriculture and stock-raising and the knowledge which he thus acquired has stood him in good stead in his later endeavors. Mr. Maurer engages in general farming and stock-raising. He specializes in raising pure-bred Shorthorn cattle for the market and has a herd of about eighty head. He raises pure-bred Chester White hogs and in these pursuits follows along the latest and most approved lines. All the hay and grain of his farm he uses for feeding purposes. The early improvements upon the place were made by his father, but all the later buildings have been erected by our subject and they stand today as a monument to his industry and progressive spirit. Mr. Maurer is also the owner of a threshing outfit and derives no inconsiderable revenue from this undertaking.

In May, 1883, Mr. Maurer was united in marriage to Miss Tina Schlievert. She was the youngest of seven children, born May 7, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Maurer have three children: Albert, who is living on the home farm, assisting his father in the work about the place; and Herman and Hilda, both at home. The family affiliate with the Lutheran denomination and are members of the church of Beaver Dam. Mr. Maurer is a republican and has been more or less prominent in the public life of his community. For two years he served as town treasurer and that he interests himself in the cause of education is indicated by the fact that he has acted as clerk of the school board for several years. Trenton township is better for his life's labor and he has contributed in no small way by his progressiveness and modern methods to the general agricultural development of this section. During his long residence here Mr. and Mrs. Maurer have made many friends, who find great satisfaction to honor this worthy couple.

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#### ALBERT H. POTTS.

Albert H. Potts, is well known in commercial circles of Fox Lake where he is conducting a modern drug store along practical and enterprising lines. He is recognized in the city in which he resides as a business man who by honorable and straightforward dealings and universal courtesy and intelligence has founded a successful and important enterprise. He was born in Marshall, Michigan, on February 2, 1848, and is a son of James D. and Phoebe (Hendrickson) Potts, natives of New York state. They died in California, the mother in 1859 and the father in 1886.

Albert H. Potts was the older of two children born to his parents, and is the only one now living, his sister having died in infancy. He was educated in the public schools of Marshall, pursuing his studies in that city until he was ten years of age. He then went to California with his parents where he learned



the printer's trade in Red Bluff, setting type with Anna Brown, the daughter of John Brown of Harper's Ferry fame. Her family crossed the plains in 1862 and the state of California erected for her a comfortable home in Red Bluff. On April 12, 1866, Albert H. Potts joined the Fifth Brigade, California Militia, known as the Lassen Rangers, and served for six months coming to Wisconsin at the end of that time, settling in Markesan, where he obtained employment as a clerk in a drug store. Here he remained for six months and then became associated with a large general store where he was active for four years. In 1871 he purchased a drug business in Brandon, Wisconsin, remaining in that city one year and then was active for a similar period in Minnesota. His residence in Fox Lake dates from 1873, in which year he bought the property upon which he is now carrying on his drug business. It was then a bazaar and book store but Mr. Potts installed a complete line of drugs and has since been prosperous and successful in this branch of activity. His store is one of the most important enterprises of its kind in Fox Lake and in its prescription department as well as in its more popular lines is expanding rapidly.

In 1875 Mr. Potts was united in marriage to Miss Alice Manley, of Markesan, who passed away in 1878. In 1880 our subject was again married, his second wife being Miss Nellie Williams, who was born and reared in Cambria, Wisconsin. Mr. Potts has three children: Ira, who is married and living in Buffalo, New York; Alice M., who became the wife of Mr. Thomas of Lake Crystal, Minnesota, by whom she has two children; and John D., who lives in Milwaukee.

In his political affiliations Mr. Potts is a consistent democrat. He never seeks public office, although he is interested in the progress and growth of the community in which he resides. He practically demonstrates this by his investments in local enterprises, being at the present time a stockholder in the State Bank of Fox Lake and in the Fox Lake Canning Company. He has that claim to prominence in business circles which lies in the able and intelligent management of a flourishing and increasingly successful establishment. He has built up a modern and up-to-date drug store but his success while it is valuable as a private and public asset is entirely secondary to the upright principles and straightforward methods by which it has been attained.

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#### RICHARD A. CHARMLEY.

Richard A. Charmley carries on general farming, dairying and stock-raising upon ninety acres of land on section 15, Calamus township, and by reason of his long experience, his industry and intelligent activity has gained success in every department of his agriculture. He is a native son of the section on which he now resides and was born on the 23d of August, 1861. His father, Thomas Charmley, was born in England in 1823 and was the first person aside from the emigrants from Wales who located in what was known as the Welsh settlement, a tract of land reaching from Randolph, Wisconsin, to Columbus. The father of our subject took up his residence there in 1854, among the pioneers of the state. He was a minister of the Wesleyan Methodist church and very prominent in the councils of that organization, being one of the early circuit riders in Dodge

county. He afterward associated himself with the Free Methodist church and was a member of that body at the time of his death, which occurred in 1903. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Jane Jackson. She was born in 1825 and died in Pardeeville, Columbia county, in 1894. She and her husband had nine children: Hannah, who died in England when she was an infant; John, who was married and whose death occurred at Pardeeville, Wisconsin, in 1899; Ann, who married William Gunn and whose death occurred at Staples, Minnesota, on January 31, 1906; Thomas, who is married and lives in Rio, Wisconsin; Martha, who is the wife of Charles Stimes, of Merrill; Ellen, the wife of Charles Worden, of Staples, Minnesota; Richard A., of this review; Joseph, of Staples, Minnesota; and Benjamin.

Richard A. Charmley was reared at home and was educated in the district schools of his native section. He has followed farming practically all his active life and is now the owner of ninety acres of land, eighty of which are under cultivation. His farm is modern in its equipment and is intelligently developed, entitling Mr. Charmley to rank among the progressive and successful men of his district. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and breeds cattle of all grades as well as Poland China hogs. His dairy, which is efficiently operated and kept always clean and sanitary, forms an important addition to his income.

Mr. Charmley was married in 1889 to Miss Ellen Bonner and they are the parents of one child, Cora J., who was born February 7, 1901. Mr. Charmley gives his allegiance to the democratic party but concentrates his attention upon the management of his farm and never seeks public office. He has applied his energies successfully to making the land productive and has won prosperity by the sure methods of hard and concentrated labor.

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#### JAMES F. BURNS.

James F. Burns is owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and sixteen acres on section 14, Fox Lake township, comprising an excellent tract of cultivated and improved land, developed along modern and progressive lines. He has been identified with farming and stock-raising in Wisconsin during the entire period of his active career and has been the proprietor of his present property for thirty-eight years, gaining during the time a high place in agricultural circles and in the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He was fifteen years of age when he came to Wisconsin, having been born in County Wicklow, in the Vale of Avoca, Ireland, April 29, 1840. He is a son of John F. and Catherine (Allen) Burns, natives of the Emerald isle, who came to America in 1849 and settled in Oneida county, New York, where they remained until October, 1855, when they came to Wisconsin, making the journey by rail to Watertown and overland from Watertown to Fox Lake. Here they settled upon four acres of land and the father worked in the woods and at various other occupations until his death which occurred on the 7th of October, 1883. His wife had died some years previously, her death having occurred on the 28th of July, 1865. Both are buried in St. Mary's cemetery.

James F. Burns was the youngest of five children and he worked in the employ of his father until March, 1869. In that year he purchased the homestead upon which he resided until 1874, when he bought the tract of land which he now operates and which he has cultivated and improved since that time. The soil is rich and his land productive, owing to the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He has one hundred and fifty acres under the plow planted in grain and hay which he feeds to his fine herds of pure-bred Durham cattle and his Poland China hogs. He does general farming but specializes in stock-raising, breeding high-grade animals for the Wisconsin markets. He has put up all the buildings and improvements upon his place and by constant industry and intelligent labor has made his enterprise one of the model farms in Dodge county.

On September 13, 1865, Mr. Burns was united in marriage to Miss Isabella O'Brien, a daughter of Terrence and Mary (McGinney) O'Brien, who were among the early settlers in Wisconsin. Mrs. Burns was the second in a family of five children and was born on the 4th of March, 1846. To our subject and his wife have been born eight children: John F., who resides at home; Mary, who is married and lives at home; James and Robert, both of whom make their home with their parents; Catherine Bell, who is the wife of Joseph Hartel of Fox Lake, by whom she has one child; Gertrude; Jerome, who passed away at the age of seventeen years; and Esther, who married Matthew McDowell of Fox Lake.

Mr. Burns gives allegiance to no particular political party, preferring to keep his independence of judgment. He votes for the man whom he considers best qualified for the position and is actively interested in local affairs, although he never seeks public office. He and his family are devout adherents of the Roman Catholic church. His life record illustrates the power of honesty and diligence in insuring success. His labors have always been active and constructive and intelligently carried forward and have resulted in placing him in the front rank of progressive farmers.

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#### LUMAN W. BROWN.

Luman W. Brown owns a fine farm of one hundred and nineteen acres on section 11, Calamus township, constituting the land which his father obtained as a government claim in the early days of the settlement of the state of Wisconsin. It is now a highly improved and systematically developed tract, having rewarded the labor bestowed upon it by abundant and increasing harvests. Mr. Brown was born upon the property which he is now operating, October 2, 1858, and is a son of Milo and Betsy E. (Thompson) Brown. The father was a native of Tioga county, New York, born November 2, 1821. He remained in that section until the early '40s, when he came to Wisconsin and took up government land in Dodge county. This he improved and operated and upon it he resided until his death in 1900. His wife was born in Litchfield, Massachusetts, in 1813. She came to Beaver Dam in 1850 and in that city her marriage occurred on May 19, of the following year. She passed away in 1906. She and her husband became the parents of four children: Orlando, whose death occurred

at Beaver Dam when he was twenty years of age; Orrin, who passed away at the age of six years; Alonzo, who died in childhood; and Luman W., of this review.

Luman W. Brown was reared upon his father's farm and from an early date became acquainted with the best methods of agriculture. He has never left the homestead and is now active in its operation, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon the property. The extensive improvements which he has made from time to time and his constantly progressive and successful methods have resulted in giving him rank among the substantial and representative agriculturists of his native section.

On March 2, 1881, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Addie J. Fisher and they are the parents of four children. Roy M., who is twenty-eight years of age, is married and resides at home. Edward, Chester and Mildred, aged respectively twenty-six, twenty-four and twenty-one years, are living at home.

Mr. Brown gives his allegiance to the republican party, and is prominent in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen of America. He has been a farmer practically all his life, having been identified with the tilling and cultivation of the soil since his early childhood. Prosperity has crowned his industry and well directed activity, making him one of the enterprising and prominent men of his district and a native son whose life record is a credit to his community.

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#### DEAN J. HOTCHKISS.

Dean J. Hotchkiss is editor and proprietor of The Fox Lake Representative, an enterprise which his father founded in 1866, and he is head of one of the leading weekly newspapers in Dodge county. He has extended his activities beyond journalism into fields of municipal expansion. He was born on April 22, 1860, at Elkhorn and is a son of John and Carmelia (Fisher) Hotchkiss, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Vermont. Their marriage occurred in Randolph, New York, in 1855, and in the same year they came west to Elkhorn, Wisconsin, where the father became a partner in the old Elkhorn Independent. He was an able and conscientious journalist and was successful in the conduct of this enterprise for five years when he moved to Sparta and established The Eagle in that city which he conducted for two years. He sold out at a profit and returned to Elkhorn, where shortly afterward he enlisted and served as a non-commissioned officer in the Fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, doing active work until he was discharged for disability in 1862. In the following year he became connected with his former newspaper The Sparta Eagle and in 1864 was publisher of The Delavan Patriot. In January, 1865, he reenlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Independent Volunteer Infantry, serving until the end of the war. In September, 1866, he came from Elkhorn to Fox Lake where he established the paper which his son is now conducting and ran it along the most modern and progressive journalistic lines. He died on June 14, 1905, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. His wife survived him until the 31st of January, 1911, being seventy-eight years old when she died. Both are

buried in Fox Lake cemetery. The father of our subject was a prominent man in the affairs of the community in which he resided. He served several terms as president of Fox Lake village and was a well known member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dean J. Hotchkiss was the youngest in a family of three children. He was educated in the Dodge county public schools and later attended Downer College at Fox Lake for two years. When he laid aside his books he became associated with his father in newspaper work, learning the mechanical details of printing and becoming in a short time an able and enterprising journalist. In 1877 he became a partner with his father and the association lasted until 1880 when Mr. Hotchkiss went to Chicago where he spent five years. He worked at the printing trade for two years in Sparta but during all this time retained his interest in his father's newspaper. He was on the road as advance agent for the C. D. Hess Grand Opera Company for one season and in the following winter occupied the same position in the employ of Stanley, the African explorer, acting also in the interests of Ovide Musin, the Danish violinist. In 1890 he returned to Fox Lake and purchased his father's interest in The Fox Lake Representative and is still publishing this paper. He has a circulation of one thousand subscribers, principally residents of Dodge county. As a journalist he is alert to every new development in city and country life, a keen thinker and a discriminating judge of men. The editorial pages of his paper are progressive and liberal in the measures which they advocate and representative of the most modern political and social ideas. The business end of the enterprise is ably and efficiently conducted, the advertising and circulation departments showing a gratifying increase in business every year.

In 1881 Mr. Hotchkiss was united in marriage to Miss Edna Darrow, a daughter of Albert H. and Mary Jane (Clough) Darrow of Fond du Lac county. Mrs. Hotchkiss was born on June 24, 1860, and remained at home until her marriage. She and her husband have two children: Genevieve, who married H. J. Masters of Sparta; and Mary, who is a graduate of Northwestern University of Evanston, Illinois, and of the Connock School of Oratory and who has fitted herself for teaching.

In his political views Mr. Hotchkiss is a consistent republican, advocating the principles and policies of this party in his papers. He has served as postmaster since 1904, having received his appointment in that year from Roosevelt and his reappointment from Taft. He and his family affiliate with the Congregational church of Fox Lake. He is a prominent Mason, holding membership in the lodge and chapter and is also active in the affairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, serving in that organization as patriarch. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Equitable Fraternal Union. He is one of the foremost men in business, political and fraternal circles of Fox Lake and has gained gratifying prosperity by hard work and determination. He owns besides his beautiful residence the printing plant and several building lots fronting the lake and is a stockholder in the State Bank of Fox Lake and also in the local driving park. He has invested the money which he has acquired judiciously and he owns a thirty-acre fruit ranch in the Isle of Pines in the West Indies below Cuba, which is an important addition to his income. His two daughters belong to the Order of the Eastern Star in which organization his

mother also held membership. His wife is well known in social circles of the city, being a prominent member of the Woman's Club and secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Union. She is a cultured and educated woman and as a member of the library board has done able and useful work.

Mr. Hotchkiss is a man of varied interests and possesses the ability to make each one separately effective. His position as head of the leading weekly journal in Fox Lake gives him a place of power in the community of which his public spirit leads him to make capable and efficient use. His undoubted influence is always given to worthy and valuable causes and has been a factor in local improvement. He is well known and most favorably regarded in Fox Lake as a man who unites in his character business ability of a high order and representative qualities of citizenship.

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### JOHN HUSTIS.

The village of Hustisford was named in honor of John Hustis, who visited this district in early pioneer times, long before Wisconsin had existence as a state. From that time forward he was more or less closely associated with the development and progress of this portion of the state. From that time forward he contributed in large measure to the work of development and improvement here and although at different times he maintained his home elsewhere, he yet retained an active connection with Hustisford and here passed away when he had almost reached the remarkable old age of ninety-seven years. He was born in Phillipstown, New York, on the 22d of October, 1810, and was a graduate of Yale University with the class of 1833. He also pursued a course in the Law School and in 1837 was admitted to the bar at New Haven, Connecticut, while later he was also admitted to practice at Albany. He made his initial visit to Wisconsin in 1836, when he visited Milwaukee, then but a village, and the following year he took up his abode there, investing in real estate and engaging in business along that line for a short time. After removing to Wisconsin he made occasional trips to what is now Hustisford and ultimately became the founder and promoter of the village. He spent his first night here on the 17th of August, 1837,—a date which he celebrated every year thereafter.

In 1839 Mr. Hustis returned to New York and was united in marriage at Carmel, that state, to Miss Laura Ann Ludington, who was born in Kent, New York, on the 26th of January, 1814. He brought his bride back with him to Milwaukee and there they made their home until 1852. In the fall of that year they removed to Hustisford, where Mr. Hustis began the operation of a grist mill, after having previously operated a sawmill. In 1846 he built the dam across Rock river at Hustisford and it is still standing. He was the owner of a section of land on which the village was built and which remained in his possession for an extended period. In 1868 the family removed to Milwaukee but continued to also maintain a residence at Hustisford during the nineteen years of their connection with the former city, following which they returned to Dodge county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. John Hustis were born five

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children, namely: Mary Elizabeth, who passed away in 1883; Josephine Lewisa, who is a resident of Milwaukee; Amelia Augusta, who died at the age of two years; Mrs. Florence L. Anthony; and Charles Joseph, who was born on the 6th of November, 1861, and died on the 12th of March, 1897. The death of Mr. Hustis occurred on the 19th of September, 1907, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 27th of December, 1900. He was one of Wisconsin's honored pioneers who left the deep impress of his individuality upon the history of the state. He refused to allow his name to be used in connection with the candidacy for the office of Wisconsin's first governor and thereafter refused all other offers of political preferment, not caring to enter public life. The village of Hustisford, which he founded, lacked but one vote of being made the state capital. It was Mr. Hustis who delivered the first 4th of July oration in Milwaukee and, although declining office, he was ever a public-spirited citizen and one who took active and helpful part in promoting the welfare and upbuilding of his adopted state. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. In 1840 he built the first brick block in Milwaukee on the ground now occupied by the Senn building and he was register of canal lands there, appointed by the governor. His labors were indeed an effective force for general improvement in that city as well as in Dodge county and both Milwaukee and Hustisford felt honored to number this worthy and prominent pioneer among their citizens.

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#### RUDOLPH GUENTHER.

Rudolph Guenther is numbered among the native sons of Dodge county and among the successful, energetic and enterprising farmers of Calamus township. Here he is cultivating a fine tract of land of two hundred and forty acres, gaining success as a general farmer by modern and systematic methods. He was born August 12, 1865, and is a son of Gustavus and Minnie (Kirchberg) Guenther, natives of Germany. The father was born in Baden in 1825 and came to America in 1846, settling on a farm in Calamus township. This property he cultivated and improved, built new barns and outbuildings and installed modern equipment, bringing his land to a high state of development. His wife was born in Germany, June 22, 1830, and their marriage occurred in Watertown, Wisconsin, in 1849. They became the parents of fourteen children. Gustavus, born January 1, 1850, married Mary Gutgesell and they live at Brandon, Minnesota. Charles, born April 28, 1851, married Maggie Beam and they reside at Garfield, Minnesota. Lawrence, born September 10, 1852, married Minnie Ready and they live in Beaver Dam. Amelia, born August 26, 1854, married Robert Hanf and they reside in Floyd, Iowa. Albert, born December 25, 1855, married Sarah Croft and they reside in Calamus township, Wisconsin. Annie, born July 6, 1857, married Theodore Young, of Beaver Dam. Christine, born September 2, 1859, died on the 19th of September, 1880, and is buried in Cemetery No. 1 at Calamus. Leonard, born May 13, 1861, married Effie George and they reside at Alden, Minnesota. Henry, born June 30, 1863, married Clara Yanka on March 3, 1892, and her death occurred on September 15 of the same year. On November 7, 1894, he married Emma Altschwager and they are residing in



Calamus. Barney, born August 23, 1867, was married to Rosa Bauman on October 26, 1891, and they are residents of Wausau. Mary, born March 8, 1870, married Henry Herdrich on October 28, 1891, and they are making their home in Chicago. Frank, born May 24, 1872, passed away on April 21, 1874, and is buried in the cemetery at Calamus. Rose, born April 13, 1876, was married on September 23, 1896, to George Bonner, a resident of Calamus.

Rudolph, our subject, was educated in the public schools of Calamus township and has been identified with agricultural pursuits since his early childhood. He is now the owner of one of the finest farms in this section of the state, comprising two hundred and forty acres of productive land, two hundred acres of which are under cultivation. Upon this he does general farming and specializes in raising all grades of cattle. He has made his enterprise successful by hard and continued labor, making practical application of the knowledge which he acquired by personal experience in his youth.

On October 21, 1896, Mr. Guenther was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Edgerton, a daughter of William and Helen (Martin) Edgerton, residents of Beaver Dam. The father was born in Rome, New York, December 5, 1830, and died in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on the 5th of February, 1878. The mother was born in Westernville, New York, August 9, 1832, and died on February 19, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Guenther are the parents of four children, all of whom reside at home: Jennie May, born September 23, 1897; Harry Rudolph, born August 19, 1899; Roy Howard, born February 23, 1903; and Oscar Clarence, born December 4, 1905.

In his political views Mr. Guenther is a consistent democrat but takes no very active part in public affairs, preferring to devote his time entirely to agricultural pursuits. His methods are new and progressive and his business ability of a high order. Success has come to him as a natural result of intelligent labor along systematic lines and he is numbered among the substantial agriculturists of the county.

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#### WILLIAM H. MESSER.

William H. Messer owns a well improved farm of one hundred and eight acres on section 24, Beaver Dam township, and is well known as a general agriculturist and stock-raiser. He has been a resident of Wisconsin all his life and is widely and favorably known as one of the substantial and progressive residents of Dodge county. He was born August 2, 1872, in Richfield township, Washington county, and is a son of John and Eva (Harlos) Messer, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Wisconsin. Their marriage occurred in Washington county and they lived in that section until 1883, when John Messer purchased land in Trenton township, Dodge county, where he cultivated the soil until his death, which occurred in 1900, when he was sixty years of age. His wife is still living and makes her home in Beaver Dam. She is now sixty-two years old.

William H. Messer was the second in a family of eleven children. He was educated in the public schools of Dodge county and remained at home until he

was twenty-five years of age. In that year he established himself as an independent agriculturist, farming his portion of the old homestead until 1910, when he sold his holdings and moved to the city of Beaver Dam. Here he resided until February, 1912, moving at that time upon his present property, which he has since operated. He does general farming and raises graded cattle and pure-bred Chester White and Poland China hogs. He also operates a dairy, milking nine cows and selling to a neighboring cheese factory. He has all of his land under cultivation and intelligently improved. He has his acres planted in hay and grain, which he sells in the Wisconsin markets.

In 1898 Mr. Messer was united in marriage to Miss Emma G. Haase, a daughter of Charles and Wilhelmina (Wetzel) Haase, natives of Germany. The parents came to the United States about the year 1862 and settled in Dodge county, Wisconsin. The father purchased land in Trenton township and carried on general agricultural pursuits successfully until 1906, when he sold the property to his son and moved to the village of Fox Lake, where he is now living retired in his sixty-ninth year. Mrs. Messer is the fifth in a family of eight children and was born on the 6th of March, 1878. She and her husband have three children: Leona, born November 8, 1899; Lawrence, whose birth occurred on January 19, 1902; and Ralph, born October 9, 1905.

In his political views Mr. Messer is a consistent republican and has served on the board of supervisors for Trenton township. He and his family are members of St. Steven's Lutheran church of Beaver Dam. During the fifteen years in which he has been an independent agriculturist Mr. Messer has taken an active and helpful part in the work of improvement and progress which has been carried forward along his special line of activity. He has directed his own career so successfully that he is today classed among the prominent farmers of Dodge county and has made his progressive and systematic labors the basis of distinct prosperity.

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#### JOHN W. HUGHES.

John W. Hughes is carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred and sixty acres of land in Calamus township, constituting his homestead, and by practical methods and well directed energy is bringing the enterprise to a gratifying degree of success. He is well known in this section where he has been a resident since he was a boy of fourteen and where he has been identified with progressive farming for many years. He was born January 1, 1844, in Angleshire, North Wales, and is a son of William J. and Ellen (Williams) Hughes, natives of that country. The father was born in 1799 and came to America in 1858, settling immediately on a farm in Calamus township, where the subject of this sketch now resides. He operated the enterprise successfully until his death, which occurred on February 22, 1871. His wife was born in 1812 and their marriage occurred in Wales in 1840. They became the parents of two children: Margaret, who was born in Wales in 1841 and who died there at the age of three years; and John W., the subject of this sketch.

John W. Hughes was fourteen years of age when he settled upon his farm in Calamus township and he has resided in this section since that time. He early became acquainted with the details of modern agriculture by personal experience in assisting his father. He took care of his parents in their declining years and upon the death of William Hughes inherited the property, which he has since operated and improved. His land comprises one hundred and sixty acres, one hundred and forty of which are under cultivation. He raises cattle of all grades and specializes in the breeding of Poland China hogs. He is a hard and steady worker with a long experience in the best and most practical farming methods and he has by industry and well directed activity made his land productive to its fullest extent, gaining for himself a distinct place in agricultural circles.

In 1872 Mr. Hughes was united in marriage to Miss Jane Jones, a daughter of William R. and Elizabeth Jones, of Calamus, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes became the parents of five children: Nellie, who was born June 24, 1874, and who married John Johnston, of Calamus; William, who was born July 16, 1876, and who lives at home; Daniel, of Calamus, who was born May 8, 1879, and who married Emma Henning; Elizabeth, who was born October 31, 1882, and who married William Bachmann, their home being in Elba township, Dodge county; and Roland, who was born October 14, 1886.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hughes is a consistent republican but beyond casting his vote at each election takes no active part in public affairs. He keeps himself abreast of modern agricultural advancement by his identification with the Wisconsin Agricultural Association. He has achieved his success by hard work and industry and by his thoroughly practical business qualifications, and his fine farm, intelligently operated and highly productive, stands as an evidence of the value of his activity.

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#### HERMAN H. BUTTERBRODT.

Herman H. Butterbrodt is a native son of Dodge county and is carrying on prosperous and progressive general farming upon seventy-three acres of land on sections 23 and 26, Beaver Dam township, following the most modern and systematic principles, and making his individual prosperity count as a public resource. He was born in the township in which he is now residing on June 7, 1876, and is a son of August and Minnie (König) Butterbrodt, natives of Germany. They were reared and educated in the fatherland and their marriage occurred in that country. They came to America about the year 1864, settling immediately in Dodge county, where the father purchased land upon which he is living today.

Herman H. Butterbrodt was the ninth in a family of ten children. He was reared at home and educated in the district schools of Dodge county. During his boyhood he was actively connected with the minor duties of his father's enterprise learning thus at an early date the best and most practical methods of agriculture. He remained at home until he was twenty-eight years of age and then commenced independent life for himself, operating the place upon which

he now resides. He does general farming and is interested in stock-raising, making a specialty of breeding pure-blooded Berkshire hogs. He feeds his stock upon the hay which he raises in his fields but markets his barley and oats. He operates a modern and sanitary dairy, milking from eight to ten cows and selling the products of this branch of his enterprise to the neighboring cheese factory. He has made extensive improvements upon his property, has fenced his fields, built granaries, silos and other outbuildings. In 1906 he erected a fine barn twenty-eight feet wide by fifty-eight feet long, with cement floors and patent stanchions and equipped with modern accessories. The residence in which he lives he erected in 1904 making it up-to-date in every particular. It is heated by furnace and supplied with pure water from a well drilled upon the premises.

In 1906 Mr. Butterbrodt was united in marriage to Miss Jennie McMillan, a daughter of Alexander and Louisa (Zeiske) McMillan, natives of Wisconsin. Her father was of Scotch ancestry and her mother of German descent. They were married in Beaver Dam and are living today in Westford township, where the father follows general farming. He is well known in the section in which he lives and is an honored veteran of the Civil war. Mrs. Butterbrodt was the third in a family of eleven children and was born on March 24, 1886. She and her husband have one son, Dallas A., born January 10, 1911.

In politics Mr. Butterbrodt keeps himself entirely independent of lines and parties, voting according to his personal convictions. He was a member of the school board for three years and served for one year as clerk of that body. He and his wife attend the Assembly Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Butterbrodt is a member. He has kept abreast of the steady advancement which agriculture has made along systematic and scientific lines. He has added personal experience to his knowledge and his industry and intelligence have been rewarded by a beautiful tract of land every acre of which is brought to its highest point of productiveness.

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#### W. W. WILLIAMS.

W. W. Williams owns a one hundred and sixty-acre farm in Calamus township upon which he has lived since childhood and upon this property he is carrying on general farming and stock-raising and meeting with a success which is the natural result of his industry and diligence. He is a native of Wales, having been born in Carnarvon, on March 15, 1835, and he came to this country with his parents when he was ten years of age. They settled in 1845 in Calamus township upon the tract of land which Mr. Williams is now operating. Here the subject of this sketch grew to manhood. He received his education in the district schools and when not engaged with his books aided his father in the work of improvement and development, gaining thus a specialized knowledge of practical details of farming. His property now comprises one hundred and sixty acres, one hundred and forty-five of which are under cultivation. He carries on general farming and specializes in the breeding and raising of all grades of hogs and has been very successful with his Duroc Jersey breed. He brings to his activities along agricultural lines personal experience which is an

important factor in his success. His soil is fertile and productive and he gathers rich harvests each year as a reward for the intelligent care and labor which he bestows upon his place.

On June 1, 1860, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Jones, who was born in Wales, in November, 1835. She is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Jones, who came to America in 1845 and has lived since her childhood in Calamus township. She and her husband became the parents of seven children, two of whom died in infancy and are buried in Bethel cemetery. The surviving members are: John, who was born August 9, 1861, and who married Miss Kate Hughes of Elba township, and is residing in Oshkosh; Henry J., whose birth occurred August 20, 1864, and who lives at home; Mary E., born June 23, 1868, who married O. E. Griffiths, by whom she has four children, Howell, Ann, Ellen and Dorothy; William C., who was born October 30, 1870, and who married Miss Elsie Preston of DePere, with whom he is residing in Green Bay, where he is employed as telegraph operator, by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad; and Robert E., who was born on February 26, 1877, and who lives at home.

Mr. Williams is a devout adherent of the Calvinistic Methodist religion and serves as deacon in Bethel church of Calamus township. He has sought no success beyond prosperity as an agriculturist. He is well versed in the details of farming and is always guided in his business relations by keen and discriminating judgment. His property is highly developed and richly productive and is improved to its highest point, paying tribute to his care and skill. Its condition ranks him as an individual force in the growth and upbuilding of a great farming section.

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#### SAMUEL C. KELLER.

One of the most enterprising and successful of the many practical, efficient and progressive farmers who are making Dodge county a fertile and productive section is Samuel C. Keller, now farming one hundred and sixty acres of land in Beaver Dam township, constituting his homestead, and meeting with a measure of success which has been continuous since the beginning of his agricultural career. He was born in the section where he now resides on October 29, 1885, and is a son of John and Margaret (Keil) Keller, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania. They moved to Dodge county after their marriage and are both living today in Trenton township.

Samuel C. Keller is the third of eight children born to his parents. He was educated in the district schools of Dodge county and remained at home until his marriage which occurred in 1907. He then moved upon his present property where he carries on general farming, stock-raising and dairying. He has most of his acres planted in hay and grain which he feeds to his fine herd of graded Shorthorn and Holstein cattle and his pure-bred Duroc Jersey hogs. His farm is ideally equipped for dairy and stock-raising purposes, being supplied with pure water from a drilled well. There are many fine barns and outbuildings all of which were erected before Mr. Keller took charge of the property, by one or

another of his ancestors. He has his fields conveniently fenced with barbed wire and his farm is in all respects a modern and up-to-date enterprise. He specializes in the operation of his dairy, keeping this branch of his establishment clean and sanitary. He milks on an average of fifteen cows and supplies the neighboring creameries and cheese factories with milk of a high quality.

In 1907 Mr. Keller was united in marriage to Miss Alvina Bayer, a daughter of Francis M. and Jane Elizabeth (Keys) Bayer, natives of Burnett township. Mrs. Keller's grandparents on her father's side were natives of Germany and her maternal grandparents were of English and French descent. Her father and mother were married in Waupun and are today living in Beaver Dam. They had five children, of whom Mrs. Keller is the second in order of birth, her natal day being February 28, 1888. She and her husband have one daughter, Doris Jane, who was born May 8, 1908.

In his political views Mr. Keller is a consistent democrat, but is not unusually active in local affairs, preferring to devote his time to the conduct of his important agricultural enterprise. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church of Beaver Dam. He is an intelligent and efficient farmer, interested in his work and desirous of improving it and although he is still a young man he has added something year by year to his own prosperity and to the methods of practical and productive agriculture.

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#### JOHN T. EVANS.

One hundred and twenty acres of land in Calamus township, well improved and intelligently cultivated, is the contribution which John T. Evans has made to the agricultural development of his native section. His farm is situated on section 16, and is one of the attractive properties of the township. Mr. Evans is well and favorably known in this part of the state where he was born November 25, 1873. His father was a native of Wales and was left an orphan in his early childhood. In 1839 when he was twelve years old he crossed the Atlantic with an older sister and settled in Elba township, where he grew to manhood. After he had attained his majority he was employed as a stage driver between Madison and Green Bay and followed this occupation for five years. On May 25, 1855, he married Miss Annie Prichard, a daughter of William J. Prichard of Elba township and immediately afterward located on the farm where his son is now residing. Upon this property he carried on successful general farming until 1904, when he retired from active life and moved to Maywood, Illinois, where he now makes his home with his daughter. His wife passed away in 1886 and is buried in Bethel cemetery in Elba township. They became the parents of eight children: Mary, whose birth occurred on March 12, 1856, and who died in 1874 and is buried in Bethel cemetery; Thomas, who was born on February 28, 1858, and who died in 1864; Ellen J., whose birth occurred on the 22d of February, 1860; and who married Ellis E. Jones of West Pullman, Illinois; Margaret, whose birth occurred on the 8th of November, 1862, and who became the wife of Edmund Pritchard of Maywood, Illinois; William H., who was born on the 7th of September, 1865, and who married Miss Sergina

Servison, and is residing in Spokane, Washington; Annie J., whose birth occurred on the 9th of January, 1868, and who became the wife of R. M. Owens, of Randolph; John T., the subject of this sketch; and Robert R., who was born on June 25, 1875, and who married Louisa Gadson of Beaver Dam.

John T. Evans was educated in the public schools of Dodge county and his entire life has been spent upon his father's farm. He aided in the minor duties in his boyhood and after he had reached maturity became active in every department of general agriculture. He and his father made all the improvements upon the property and owing to their efforts it is one of the finest tracts of land in this section of the state. It comprises one hundred and twenty acres, one hundred and five of which are tillable and upon this he carries on general farming, following progressive and modern methods. He specializes in the breeding and raising of cattle of all grades and is known throughout Calamus township as an expert judge of stock.

Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Laura Thiede, a daughter of Charles Thiede of Calamus township and they became the parents of one son, Arthur Robert, who was born on May 11, 1906, and who lives at home. Mr. Evans is numbered among the progressive and representative farmers of the section in which he lives. His property is intelligently operated and responds to his careful supervision and practical methods.

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#### SIDNEY M. RANDALL.

Sidney M. Randall, who owns and operates a farm of ninety acres in Chester township, makes a specialty of dairying and has some of the best stock in this part of the state. His birth occurred in Hustisford, Dodge county, on the 12th of May, 1859, his parents being Barber B. and Mary (Clafing) Randall. The father, a native of New York and an agriculturist by occupation, came to Wisconsin in early manhood and settled near Hustisford, this county, on a tract of land which he purchased from the government. As the years passed he augmented his holdings by additional purchase until at one time he owned eight or nine hundred acres. He also owned an orange grove in Florida and spent the winter seasons in that state, where he passed away. It was near Hustisford, in this county, that he wedded Miss Mary Clafing, by whom he had six children, as follows: Charles, who is a resident of Minnesota; Sidney M., of this review; Ernest, living at Hustisford, Wisconsin; Walter and Lucettie, both of whom are deceased; and Frank, living in Minnesota. By a former marriage Mr. Randall had two children, namely: Myron, who is a resident of Minnesota; and Albert, deceased. The father was married a third time and the three children of that union were as follows: Belle and Barber, both of whom are deceased; and Estelle, who is the wife of Charles Friday.

Sidney M. Randall attended the schools of Hustisford in the acquirement of an education and subsequently worked on the home farm with his father until the latter's demise. He remained on the old homestead for two years longer or until the time of his marriage and then purchased and located upon a farm of one hundred acres in Chester township. He has since sold ten acres of

the place and this tract is now occupied by the state asylum. Mr. Randall makes a specialty of dairying and has about forty head of pure-bred Holstein cattle, owning some of the best stock in this part of the state. His cattle have been exhibited at a number of fairs.

On the 26th of March, 1891, Mr. Randall was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Goodyear, her parents being John and Christian Goodyear, the former a native of Washington county, Wisconsin, and the latter of Germany. The mother of Mrs. Randall was but a child when she came to the United States with her parents, who settled near Lebanon, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Randall have been born four children, namely: Charles Mitchell, whose birth occurred on the 9th of August, 1895; Genevieve Adele, whose natal day was October 7, 1897; Georgiana, deceased; and Eva Elizabeth, born January 5, 1902. In his political views Mr. Randall is a staunch republican. He is widely known in Dodge county, where he enjoys the respect and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances, the majority of whom have known him since early boyhood.

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#### OTTO A. GEHRKE.

Otto A. Gehrke, who for five years has been identified with the printing and newspaper interests of Mayville, was born in Pieritz, province of Pomerania, Germany, on the 6th of August, 1879. He is a son of William and Wilhelmina (Nack) Gehrke, who emigrated to the United States with their family in 1882. They came direct to Dodge county, locating in Mayville, where the mother passed away in 1893. The father is still living and is now employed in the Northwestern Iron Company. Our subject is the eldest of six children born to his parents.

Otto A. Gehrke was only three years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to the United States. Practically his entire life has been passed in Mayville, his education being acquired in the German parochial and public schools. When old enough to decide upon a vocation he decided to learn the printer's trade, and entered the office of the Dodge County Pioneer, where he remained for seven years. He next took a position as accountant in the office of the Northwestern Iron Company, remaining there until 1900. In the latter year he resigned his position in order to accept the management of the Martin Luther Printing Company of Boston, Massachusetts. He was the head of this enterprise until 1907 and in August of that year he returned to Mayville and purchased the printing establishment founded by Henry Spiering, at one time proprietor of the Dodge County Pioneer. Together with four others he has profitably conducted this plant for five years. The paper, which has always been an English publication, was founded in 1890 by Mr. Spiering and is issued on Thursday of each week. Its circulating list carries six hundred names.

On the 23d of May, 1904, Mr. Gehrke was united in marriage to Miss Marie Wilhelm, a daughter of G. and M. (Meyer) Wilhelm, both of whom are deceased, the mother having passed away in 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Gehrke have three children: Leo, who was born during their residence in Boston; and Esther and Hugo, who are natives of Mayville.



Mr. and Mrs. Gehrke are members of St. John's Lutheran church and are rearing their children in the faith of that denomination. He is a diligent and enterprising young man of laudable ambition and more than average business ability as is being evidenced by the development of his interests.

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JOSEPH T. SNYDER.

Joseph T. Snyder is operating a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section 28, Beaver Dam township and has two hundred and twenty-five acres under cultivation. He is a substantial, modern and progressive farmer, interested in each new development in agriculture and his property is well equipped, highly cultivated and in excellent condition. He is well known in this district, having been a resident since he was fifteen years of age and is influential in agricultural circles because he has cultivated the soil continuously since 1859, with the exception of five years spent in the Beaver Dam Woolen Mills. He was born in Norwich, Ontario, Canada, November 19, 1844, and is a son of Elias and Elizabeth (McLees) Snyder, natives of Dutchess county, New York. Their marriage occurred in Ontario and they lived and died in Canada.

Joseph T. Snyder is the eighth in a family of nine children. He completed an education begun in Canada in the public schools of Wisconsin and in Wayland Academy at Beaver Dam. His residence in Dodge county dates from 1859, when he joined his brother in this section. He spent nine years in Illinois after completing his education, farming independently, but returned to Beaver Dam at the end of that time. He obtained a position as clerk in the office of the woolen mills of this city and after five years of this occupation moved upon the farm which he is now operating and has maintained a continuous residence upon his property since that time. He carries on general farming and has been successful because he has always adhered to systematic methods, his expert knowledge and long experience being factors in his prosperity.

Mr. Snyder was united in marriage to Miss Mary Esther Shaw, a daughter of Alexander A. and Ann D. (Close) Shaw, natives of Cayuga county, New York. Her father came to Wisconsin about the year 1842 and was among the very earliest settlers in the state. He took up a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of government land for which he paid one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre. He settled within the present city limits of Beaver Dam which was called at that time Grubbsville. He improved and operated his property and also followed his trade of surveyor, doing work of this kind in all parts of the state. He made extensive improvements upon his farm, built barns, outbuildings and a comfortable residence and here he remained until his death which occurred in 1851. His wife later married Moses E. Stevens, who passed away in 1882. Mrs. Stevens survived her husband until January 3, 1911.

Mrs. Snyder is the eldest of three children and was born on December 23, 1846. She and her husband became the parents of two sons and one daughter. The eldest, William, is married and is making his home with our subject. He is a graduate of the Beaver Dam high school and from his early youth has been intensely interested in natural history. He has made a special study of this

science and has made a collection of birds, animals, and insects and Indian relics, which is one of the finest in this section of the state. He accompanied Mr. McIlheny upon an eighteen months' expedition into Alaska, traveling in the interests of the University of Pennsylvania and the Smithsonian Institution. The party started upon their journey before the outbreak of the Spanish-American war and hostilities had ceased before their return. They were so cut off from civilization that no rumor of the conflict reached them until their arrival in Wisconsin. They encountered many hardships and dangers, traveling on a sailing vessel, the Jeanne, the largest of a fleet of nine boats of the same kind. The expedition was nearly lost but was rescued by a government relief squad under the command of Lieutenant Jarvis, who traveled overland, driving reindeer and reached the party when they had only three days' rations left. The second child born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder is Clara, a bookkeeper in a Beaver Dam business office. Their youngest son was Charles S., who died in childhood.

Mr. Snyder gives his political allegiance to the republican party but although he is intelligently interested in public affairs never seeks office, preferring to devote his entire time to farming. He is prominent in the Masonic order, holding membership in the chapter and council. His son William, also affiliated with this organization and is past master of his lodge. Both are members of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Snyder is recognized as one of the substantial and representative farmers and stock-raisers in Dodge county. He is practical in his methods, specializing in feeding and fattening hogs which he sells in the Wisconsin markets. He has many acres of his land planted in suitable grains and is also extensively interested in the operation of his modern and sanitary dairy. He keeps for this purpose a fine herd of cows, selling his product to the Beaver Dam Creamery. He is an expert judge of graded Shorthorn cattle and deals in these animals. In all his business relations he is thoroughly reliable and straightforward, manifesting that progressive spirit which is making modern farming a different and more scientific occupation.

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#### NELSON BONNER.

Nelson Bonner owns and operates one of the finest farms in Dodge county, comprising one hundred and eighty acres of excellent land on sections 13 and 24, Westford township, which was his father's original purchase upon arriving in this district in pioneer times. Mr. Bonner has been engaged in agricultural pursuits since the beginning of his active career and is distinctly successful, his energy and enterprise having been rewarded every year by crops of a fine quality. He is recognized as one of the leading farmers in Westford township where he has resided since his birth and has based his prosperity upon intelligently directed activity and progressive methods. He was born on the farm which he now operates, March 11, 1875, a son of John and Elizabeth Ann (Graham) Bonner, natives of England. The father was born in Lincolnshire, April 27, 1822, and came to America in 1853. He made the journey alone and settled immediately in Milwaukee and after establishing his home he sent for his parents and his

brothers and sisters, who joined him in this city some time afterward. In Milwaukee the father of our subject worked in the employ of Mr. Layton, as a butcher and after a short period in this line of work came to Westford township where he purchased land. He gradually improved this property, built a barn, and outbuildings and brought it to a high state of cultivation. When he retired from active life he moved to Fox Lake, where he died May 5, 1906. He was among the earliest pioneers in Dodge county and was fond of relating his experiences on first coming to Westford township. In those days he hauled his wheat to the Milwaukee markets, a distance of seventy-five miles and could sometimes find a sale for it and sometimes not. In one instance he traded a load of wheat for an overcoat and often sold large amounts of this grain for barely enough to pay his expenses on the return journey. He made these trips profitable, however, by bringing back groceries and dry-goods which he sold to the merchants of Beaver Dam. John Bonner, the father of our subject married September 29, 1857, Miss Elizabeth Ann Graham, who was born in London, April 30, 1834, and who came to America in 1855. Her father had served in the British army and one of her brothers was also a member of the English forces at the time of the Crimean war and was killed at the battle of Balaklava. Her father died in London and Mrs. Bonner made the journey to America with her uncle, Samuel Graham, and his wife. They settled near Randolph, Wisconsin, but afterward moved to Nebraska where Mr. Graham passed away, May 26, 1912. He is buried in the Fox Lake cemetery. After John Bonner came to America his parents, Thomas and Betsy Bonner, and his brothers and sisters, settled near him in Westford township and here his father and mother passed away and are buried in the Westford cemetery, just south of the homestead. In their family were eight children. John, the eldest son was the father of our subject. James was born in 1824 and married Jane King, of Fox Lake, Wisconsin. They lived in Westford for a number of years and in that section James Bonner died, April 2, 1911. He is buried at Fox Lake. The two next in the order of birth died in infancy. Next was a daughter, Jane, who was born in England, and married John Prescott. She has also passed away and is buried in Westford cemetery. Anna and George, twins, were born in 1834 and George died some time afterward and is buried in cemetery No. 1, Calamus township. Anna married William Croft and lives in Beaver Dam. Samuel was born June 6, 1836, and married Miss Elizabeth Evans, June 14, 1863. He lived in Westford township until his death which occurred December 20, 1908, and he is buried in the Beaver Dam cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. John Bonner became the parents of seven children. Albert was born September 18, 1858, grew to maturity and married and passed away August 21, 1879. He is buried in the Fox Lake cemetery. Robert Thomas, who was born October 20, 1860, married Miss Abbie Stone, February 28, 1900, and lives in Antigo. Victoria was born February 18, 1863, and died November 24, 1879. She is buried in Waushara cemetery at Fox Lake. Marmaduke was born January 10, 1865, and married Nellie Peverly and lives in Los Angeles, California. William was born April 18, 1868, and died May 9, 1873, and is buried in Fox Lake cemetery. Orrin was born November 3, 1871, and died September 13, 1872. He also is buried at Fox Lake. The youngest child born to Mr. and Mrs. John Bonner is Nelson, the subject of this sketch.

Nelson Bonner was educated in the public schools of his native section and spent his childhood upon his father's farm. He is now operating the homestead, comprising one hundred and eighty acres of land, one hundred and fifty-five of which are tillable. Upon this he carries on general agricultural pursuits and also raises cattle of all grades. His farm is one of the finest in Dodge county, intelligently improved and equipped with all modern conveniences and accessories, its excellent condition ranking its operator among the representative and substantial farmers of his district.

On April 8, 1902, Mr. Bonner was united in marriage to Miss Adella Kleifoth, a daughter of William Kleifoth, of Mayville. Mrs. Bonner's grandmother, Anna Humbach, was born in Germany in 1827, and came to America in 1850, settling in the village of Theresa and later in Mayville. Afterward she spent two years in Cincinnati, Ohio, and then returned to Theresa, moving to Madison, Wisconsin, in 1910, where she is still residing. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bonner they came to live on the Bonner homestead where they have resided since that time. They have four children: John Thomas, who was born January 31, 1903, and who lives at home; Nelson Alfred, whose birth occurred June 11, 1905, and who is also with his parents; Richard Charles, who was born January 15, 1908, and who lives at home; and Beatrice Leona, whose birth occurred on the 1st of March, 1909.

Mr. Bonner gives his allegiance to the republican party but he has never been active as an office seeker. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Tribe of Ben Hur and is well known in fraternal circles of his district. He stands today as a representative of all that is progressive, efficient and systematic in modern agriculture. His fine farm is intelligently managed, thoroughly equipped and flourishing, and operated along the most up-to-date lines. His methods have won their natural success and he is justly entitled to the prosperity which has come to him and which entitles him to a place among the men who are raising the standards of agriculture in Dodge county.

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#### JAMES DERIVAN.

James Derivan, who devotes his attention to the pursuits of general farming and stock-raising, is the owner of a highly improved and model farm of one hundred and five acres on section 6, Trenton township. His birth occurred in that township on the 30th of November, 1867, his parents being John and Margaret (Markey) Derivan, both of whom were natives of Ireland and came to this country in early life. The father accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States in 1847, the family home being established in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and here he subsequently purchased government land. In 1854 the mother of our subject came to the United States with her mother to join her father, who had crossed the Atlantic a few years before and had established a home in Dodge county. John Derivan and Margaret Markey were married here and began their domestic life on a farm in Trenton township, where they continued to reside until death claimed them. Mr. Derivan passed away in 1889, at the age of sixty years, while his wife died in 1892, when fifty-

eight years of age. Their remains were interred in St. Mary's cemetery, in Trenton township. John Derivan was a resident of Dodge county for more than four decades and gained an extensive circle of friends here by reason of his upright and honorable life.

James Derivan, who was the fourth in order of birth in a family of nine children and was a young man of twenty-two years at the time of his father's demise, purchased the interest of the other heirs in the homestead farm and has always remained thereon. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising and makes a specialty of the raising of pure bred Poland China hogs, having more than one hundred head at the present time. He also has about fifteen head of high-grade Holstein cows and sells milk to the creamery. All of his land is tillable and he feeds all his hay and grain. As a stockman he breeds Percheron horses. In 1895 he erected a barn, thirty-two by fifty-six feet, with cement floors and other modern features. In 1910 he erected an attractive and up-to-date residence with all modern improvements, including acetylene lights, water heating arrangements and air pressure. Water for all purposes is supplied from drilled wells. In all branches of his business he has been most successful, for he has carried on his affairs in a careful, systematic and methodical manner, while at the same time he has not been lacking in that spirit of progress which is manifest in agricultural circles at the present time.

On the 26th of November, 1902, Mr. Derivan was united in marriage to Miss Alice White, who was born on the 7th of July, 1875, and was the second in order of birth in a family of three children. Her father died when she was but a child and her mother afterward became the wife of W. F. Halstead, of Dodge county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Halstead are still living here. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Derivan have been born two children, the elder dying in infancy. The other is Claude Francis, whose birth occurred on the 13th of January, 1906.

In politics Mr. Derivan is a democrat and at present holds the office of township treasurer, discharging the duties of that position in a commendable and efficient manner. Fraternally he is identified with the Catholic Order of Foresters and is now and for the past ten years has been chief ranger of the local court. He and his wife are devout communicants of St. Mary's Catholic church at Fox Lake. His many excellent traits of character have won him an extensive circle of friends and he is well known and highly esteemed throughout the county in which his entire life has been spent.

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#### GOTTHARD F. BATSCHE.

Progress and enterprise as elements in his farming methods have rewarded Gotthard F. Batsch by agricultural success of a substantial kind. He is cultivating one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 36, Burnett township, which by careful and systematic work he has made into a model, present-day farm. He was born in Mayville, September 19, 1856, and is a son of Frederick and Carolina (Werner) Batsch, natives of Schlesien, Germany. They came to America in 1854 and located immediately in Mayville, where they resided for ten years, later moving to Horicon.

Gotthard F. Batsch is second in a family of five children. He received his education in the country schools and in the public schools of Horicon. He remained at home all his life and has been engaged in farming during the entire period, although for eighteen seasons he extended his activities to include threshing, operating a threshing outfit in conjunction with agricultural pursuits. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres on section 36, Burnett township, and is a successful and prosperous man. His land is entirely enclosed with strong fences and has natural drainage. It is a fine piece of property, rich and productive, and its natural advantages have been conserved and utilized by intelligent methods of operation. Mr. Batsch makes a specialty of stock, raising high-grade Holstein cattle for dairy purposes and Poland China hogs for the local markets. He believes in up-to-date farm buildings and has erected upon his property a fine barn, thirty feet by sixty feet, two tool sheds, a woodshed and a pig sty, the latter being sixteen feet by twenty-five feet. He resides in a comfortable and pleasant eight-room house which he erected and equipped with all modern comforts and conveniences. He is not only an enterprising and successful farmer but an able and progressive citizen.

Mr. Batsch was married on April 10, 1894, to Miss Louise Schwahn, a daughter of August and Johanne (Michael) Schwahn, residents of Dodge county. To Mr. and Mrs. Batsch were born seven children: Della, who is attending the Horicon high school; Arthur, who died at the age of four months and eight days; Metha, whose death occurred when she was a year and two months old; Selma, who died at the age of ten years, two months and twenty-five days; and Hilda, Arnold and Walter, all at home.

In politics Mr. Batsch keeps himself independent of lines and parties, voting for the man whom he considers best fitted for the office, and has served for three years as pathmaster of Horicon. He is a stockholder in the Union Dairy Company, and he and his family affiliate with the German Lutheran church. His individual labors are important in agricultural development because his private prosperity has its source in standards of life and activity which have a universal acceptance.

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#### MRS. REBECCA EVANS.

Great and well deserved credit is given to the pioneers in Wisconsin who in the early days of the settlement of the state faced hardships, privations and arduous labor in the clearing and development of the land and who wrested from a wilderness fertile and productive farms. Very little, however, is heard of the wives of these men—the pioneer women who ably supplemented their husbands' labors in the fields by almost unending work in the home and dairy. They also faced the hardships and endured the privations and are entitled to equal credit for the result. Prominent among women of this class in Dodge county is Mrs. Rebecca Evans, the widow of David Evans, one of the early settlers in this section. Mrs. Evans was born in England in 1850, her maiden name being Rebecca Marden. She was an infant when she was brought to America by her parents, who settled in Auburn, New York. A short time afterward, however, they came

to Wisconsin and took up their residence near Fox Lake, where Mrs. Evans remained until her marriage in 1880. She wedded David Evans, of Westford, Wisconsin, and after their marriage went to live upon his farm in Westford township. During his life Mr. Evans was one of the most prosperous and successful general agriculturists in this section and did much by his work and efforts to promote the general progress. He was born in Wales in 1832 and as a young man came to Wisconsin, settling in Westford, where he bought land. For a short time he lived with his cousin at Lake Emily, Wisconsin, but afterward moved upon his farm, which he cleared of timber and developed and improved along progressive lines. This property he afterward sold and took up his residence upon a farm near Beaver Dam Lake in Westford township. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Elizabeth King, of Fox Lake, who died in 1873 and is buried in that city. Mr. Evans married the subject of this review in 1880 and together they worked continuously for the advancement of his prosperity. Mr. Evans cleared his farm in Westford township, made substantial improvements upon it and from time to time erected the necessary buildings, making it before his death in 1901 one of the finest agricultural properties in the section.

In his political views Mr. Evans was a staunch republican and took an active interest in the affairs of the community. He was a devout adherent of the Baptist church, holding his membership in Beaver Dam. It is men like him—men of unfaltering industry and determination—to whom the state owes much of its present wealth. He did able work in clearing the land and developing it into a profitable farm. The value of his labors is unquestioned and he deserves great credit for his successful accomplishment, but it is to women like Mrs. Rebecca Evans to whom we must go for the influencing source of the work and success.

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#### WILLIAM J. SCHWEFEL.

William J. Schwefel, one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Trenton township, who represents the third generation of his family in this county, owns and operates a well improved farm of eighty acres on section 34. His birth occurred in Lebanon township, on the 3d of July, 1869, his parents being William and Wilhelmina (Heilman) Schwefel, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Otto F. Schwefel, a brother of our subject. He was the third in order of birth in a family of twelve children and remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age, when he purchased the farm which has been his home to the present time. He devotes his attention to the pursuits of general farming, stock-raising and dairying and sells the milk from sixteen cows to the cheese factory. His cattle are graded Holstein and he has a registered male. He breeds to Percheron horses and raises pure bred Chester White hogs for the market, having twenty in his herd. Mr. Schwefel feeds all of his hay and grain. His entire farm is tillable and all of the improvements thereon have been made by him. There are cement floors in each of his buildings, which include a barn, fifty by forty-two feet, that he erected in 1896. In 1899 he rebuilt his residence. Water for all purposes is supplied from drilled wells, and in fact the

place is lacking in none of the improvements and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century. He is a progressive man and at various times has installed different modern equipments that have done away with much of the drudgery and greatly facilitated the work of his farm. The several branches of his business are proving sources of profit, for he is practical in his methods and his industry is seemingly indefatigable.

On the 26th of May, 1895, Mr. Schwefel was united in marriage to Miss Eliza S. Kuenzi, a daughter of G. M. and Amelia (Milke) Kuenzi, who are of Swiss and German ancestry, respectively, and were born in Lebanon township, Dodge county, Wisconsin. They now reside near Waupun in this county, G. M. Kuenzi being sixty-six years of age, while his wife is sixty-one years old. Mrs. Schwefel is the first born in a family of twelve children, her natal day being July 3, 1874. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children, as follows: Lillian E., who was born on the 24th of January, 1897; E. Douglas G., whose birth occurred on the 18th of March, 1899, and is the first of the fourth generation of the Schwefel family in Dodge county; and William J., born May 2, 1908. The daughter is now in her junior year at the Fox Lake high school.

In his political views Mr. Schwefel is a democrat. The cause of education has ever found in him a staunch champion and he has been a member of the school board and clerk of the board for the past thirteen years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church, of Trenton township, to which his wife and children also belong. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schwefel have always lived in this county and well merit the regard and esteem uniformly accorded them.

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#### CHARLES A. KADING.

Charles A. Kading is practicing law in Watertown with his wife as a partner and is recognized in this city as one of the able, progressive and representative attorneys. He and his wife are both keen and able practitioners and the one supplements the activities of the other in a most harmonious way. They have been associated since being admitted to the bar and received their legal education together and have since built up one of the most flourishing practices in the city. Mr. Kading was born in Lowell township, January 14, 1874, a son of Charles and Louisa (Bargans) Kading, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1866 and located on a farm in Dodge county. The father worked in the employ of others for some time but afterward bought land in Lowell township, to which he added from time to time and upon which he lives today. His wife passed away in 1881 and is buried in Lowell cemetery.

Charles A. Kading is the third in a family of five children. He received his education in the public schools of his native section and afterward attended Wisconsin State University at Madison during the summer seasons. In 1900 he was graduated in law from Valparaiso University and was in the same year admitted to the Wisconsin bar, since which time he has been practicing law in Watertown in partnership with his wife. Both were engaged in teaching in the Theresa graded schools before their marriage, he as principal and she as assistant, and



during that time they agreed to study law together in Valparaiso University, receiving their degrees from that institution in the same year. Both are well versed in the intricate details of their profession and keep pace with modern progress and advancement. They have been connected with some important litigation and have always conducted the affairs entrusted to them ably and with a view to the best interests of their clients. They are well and prominently known in Watertown and have a gratifying practice, being very successful in its conduct.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kading occurred in 1900. Mrs. Kading was in her maidenhood Miss Elizabeth Holste, a daughter of Julius Sommers, of Watertown. Her parents died when she was a child and she was afterward adopted by Henry Holste, taking his name by order of the court. She was born July 17, 1877, and was graduated from the Watertown high school, later taking the law course in Valparaiso University, graduating in 1900 and being admitted to the bar in the same year. She has since been associated with her husband in the general practice of law. They have one son, Charles Earl, who was born June 11, 1907.

Mr. Kading is active and prominent in local fraternal circles, holding membership in Watertown Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M., and Watertown Chapter, No. 11; R. A. M. He also belongs to Watertown Lodge, No. 666, B. P. O. E., and to Watertown Lodge No. 1242, F. O. E. He is well known in the Modern Woodmen of America, holding membership in Log Camp, No. 401, of Watertown. He belongs also to the Maccabees and to the Equitable Fraternal Union and his wife holds membership in Wood Camp, No. 3137, Royal Neighbors. Mr. Kading gives his allegiance to the democratic party and is well known in local affairs in the line of his profession. For seven years he was city attorney of Watertown and is now serving his sixth year as district attorney of Dodge county. He was chosen by his party as a candidate for the office of attorney general of the state, at the primaries, on September 3, 1912, his opponent being John F. Doherty, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and came very nearly being elected, cutting down the majority in the strongly republican state of Wisconsin from about eighty thousand in 1908 to twenty-one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine in 1912. His prominence in important affairs has come to him by reason of his past able attainments and the thoroughness of his legal knowledge.

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#### OTTO A. GRAMS.

Otto A. Grams, a general farmer and stock-raiser, residing on section 22, Trenton township, is busily engaged in the operation of a tract of two hundred acres which he rents from his father. His birth occurred in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, on the 20th of November, 1875, his parents being Ernst and Augusta (Deutchein) Grams, both of whom are natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in the early '70s and settled in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, while in 1886 they came to Dodge county, taking up their abode near Lake Emily, where they made their home for a period of fifteen years. In 1900 they purchased the farm on which they have since resided. Ernst Grams is now in the seventieth year of his age, while his wife is in her sixty-seventh year. Unto

them were born seven children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Lena, who is the wife of Gustav Bernhagen and resides in Waupun; William, who is employed as a farm hand; Otto A., of this review; Louisa, who gave her hand in marriage to Herman Ringer and resides in Green Lake county; Herman, who is married and resides in this county, near Waupun; and Elmer E., who is still under the parental roof.

Otto A. Grams spent the first twenty-eight years of his life with his parents and was then married and established a home of his own. Starting out as an agriculturist on his own account, he cultivated rented land for three years and on the expiration of that period rented the homestead property from his father and has operated the same continuously since. The pursuits of general farming and stock-raising claim his time and energies, and one hundred and fifty acres of his place is under cultivation. He has both graded Durham and Holstein cattle and sells the milk from his twenty cows to the cheese factory. He also raises Chester White hogs for the market and breeds horses, and he feeds his grain and hay but sells his barley. All of the improvements on the property were made by himself and his father. The barn, thirty-six by fifty feet, was erected in 1875, and the residence was remodeled in 1907. The place presents a neat and attractive appearance, everything about it evidencing capable management and intelligent supervision.

In the fall of 1903 Mr. Grams was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Galow, a daughter of Gustav and Mary (Beltz) Galow, both of whom are natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in the late '80s, settling near Lomira, Dodge county, Wisconsin. They are today residents of Trenton township, Gustav Galow having attained the age of fifty-seven years, while his wife is fifty-six years old. Mrs. Grams, the second in order of birth in a family of ten children, was born on the 16th of October, 1882. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Mabel, who was born on the 14th of July, 1905; Dorothy, whose birth occurred on the 29th of April, 1909; and Ernst G., whose natal day was December 22, 1911.

Mr. Grams is a democrat in politics and has served as a member of the school board for two years. He and his family belong to the Lutheran church at Waupun. He is well known and highly regarded throughout the community by all who know him or have dealings with him, as he is a man of upright principles and high standards, whose integrity is above question.

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#### WILLIAM MILTON.

William Milton is living in Fox Lake and is giving his time to the management of his extensive land holdings in the city and in Trenton and Fox Lake townships. Until 1910 he was active and successful as a farmer, for he operated and developed one of the finest properties in Dodge county for about seventeen years and by his progressive methods kept constantly in touch with the trend of modern agricultural development. He was born in Adams county, September 21, 1859, a son of Peter and Ann (Greely) Milton, the former a native of Dover,

England, and the latter of County Galway, Ireland. Both came to America in their childhood and their marriage occurred in Chicago, Illinois. For some time afterward they resided in that city and in the early '50s came west to Wisconsin, settling in Adams county. There the father bought government land and developed and improved his property for seven years, after which he sold it and came to Dodge county, where he purchased thirty acres of land in Trenton township. From that time until his retirement in 1892 he gave his attention exclusively to farming and became prosperous and successful in his chosen field of labor. When he abandoned active life he moved to Fox Lake and there died January 22, 1910, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His wife passed away on the 26th of May of the same year and was seventy-six years of age when she died. Both are buried in Waushara cemetery at Fox Lake. At the time of his death Peter Milton owned two hundred and ten acres of land in Trenton township and a large amount of other valuable real estate in the section, and this property was divided among his ten children.

William Milton was the third child and the eldest son in this family. He was educated in the district schools and his boyhood was spent aiding his father with the work of the farm. When he was almost twenty-one years of age he began his independent career, working for wages on a neighboring property. At this he continued for six years and then bought, in partnership with his brother, one hundred and ninety-five acres of land in Trenton township and engaged in farming. One year later he purchased his brother's interest and from that time operated the enterprise alone. He studied agriculture as a systematic science, followed the most practical methods and gradually brought his farm to a high state of cultivation. Practically all the improvements upon the property were placed there by Mr. Milton. These include a fine barn, thirty-two feet long by forty feet wide, an attractive, modern and well appointed home, a drilled well supplying water for all purposes and other necessary and substantial improvements. Mr. Milton has one hundred and sixty acres under the plow, the remainder of his farm being swamp, marsh and wood land. This property comprises his most valuable holding but he has made in the course of years other judicious investments in land and owns forty acres in Fox Lake township besides his comfortable residence in the village.

Mr. Milton made his home upon his farm until the fall of 1905, when he retired from active life. He made his home in the hotel in Fox Lake until November 2, 1910, when he married Mrs. Emma Freeman, the widow of George Freeman and a daughter of John Hegetschweiler, of Lowell township. Her father died in 1891, at the age of sixty-three, and is buried in South Beaver Dam cemetery. Her mother resides in Beaver Dam and is in the seventy-first year of her age. The father was born in Switzerland and the mother in Germany. Mrs. Milton was the fifth in a family of eleven children and was born March 4, 1867. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Milton moved into their attractive and comfortable home in Fox Lake and have become prominent and well known in social circles of the city.

Mr. Milton gives his allegiance to the democratic party and is interested in public affairs, especially as they affect education. This interest has led him to accept a position on the Trenton school board and he has done able and conscientious work for the past three years. He is a member of the Fox Lake lodge

of the Modern Woodmen of America. His active career was of the useful kind which influenced the growth of farming in methods and details. For seventeen years he worked steadily and earnestly to make his farm profitable and productive, and he accomplished not only his individual prosperity but his labors and success are factors in the general development.

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ROBERT J. BAIRD.

Robert J. Baird, one of Dodge county's progressive and prosperous agriculturists, devotes his attention to the pursuits of general farming and stock-raising, also making a specialty of dairying. His property, known as The Elms, comprises two hundred acres of land on section 7, Trenton township, and twenty-two acres in Fox Lake township. His birth occurred in Marquette, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, on the 16th of December, 1862, his parents being Archibald and Catherine (Casey) Baird, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of Wisconsin. When a boy Archibald Baird came alone to the United States, making his way to Wisconsin and spending several years at Elkhorn, Walworth county. Subsequently he removed to Green Lake county, this state, and there engaged in farming. He was married in the year 1860 and remained a resident of Green Lake county until 1900, when he went to the Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee, there passing away on the 1st of September, 1907, when seventy-five years of age. His widow, who is now sixty-seven years old, makes her home in Beaver Dam. In 1863 Mr. Baird enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company A, Fifty-second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and the same year was taken sick at Benton Barracks, in St. Louis. After a serious illness of six months he returned home on a furlough and at the close of the war was honorably discharged. Five years ago he was buried in the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Milwaukee, with military honors.

Robert J. Baird, who was the first born in a family of nine children, attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until his twentieth year. At that time he came to Trenton township, this county, and here cultivated rented land until 1904, when he purchased the property which is now in his possession and on which he has since made his home. In connection with the production of cereals he devotes considerable attention to stock-raising and also makes a specialty of dairying, milking thirty cows of graded Durham stock. He raises hogs for the market and has on hand one hundred head of pure-bred Poland Chinas. All of his land is ready for the plow and has natural drainage, and the property is all fenced and hog tight. Mr. Baird feeds his hay and a part of his grain but sells his barley. The house and barn stood on the farm when it came into his possession but he has built a silo, garage, hog houses and other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and his property is now lacking in none of the equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. Water for all purposes is supplied from drilled wells. Mr. Baird values his place at thirty-five thousand dollars and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the leading and successful agriculturists of the community. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company and

the Farmers Mutual Dairy Company, of Waupun, Wisconsin, and also in the Fox Lake State Bank.

In 1886 Mr. Baird was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Milton, a daughter of Peter and Ann (Greeley) Milton, who were natives of England and Ireland, respectively. They emigrated to America in early life and were married in Chicago, spending the first two years of their domestic life in that city. They then removed to Adams county, Wisconsin, where Peter Milton followed farming for six years. In 1864 he came to Dodge county, settled in Trenton township, purchased land and resided there until 1892, his farm at that time embracing one hundred and seventy-five acres. Leasing that place, he purchased property in Fox Lake, Wisconsin, where he spent the remainder of his life in honorable retirement, passing away on the 20th of January, 1910, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife was called to her final rest on the 25th of May, 1910, when seventy-four years of age. The remains of both were interred in the cemetery at Fox Lake. Mrs. Baird, whose birth occurred in February, 1859, was one of a pair of twins and the eldest of eleven children. She is now the mother of four children, as follows: Albert H., at home, who was graduated from the State Agricultural College, at Madison, in 1912; Mathew J., Lucy May and Clarence P., all of whom are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Baird gives his political allegiance to the republican party, has been school director for many years and for a period of twenty-six years has acted in the capacity of road superintendent. In 1906 he was appointed a delegate to the farmers' national congress. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. Mary's Catholic church of Fox Lake, to which his wife and children also belong. He commands the warm friendship and esteem of all who know him by reason of his high ideals of citizenship and honorable dealings in all business relations. His prosperity is well merited, for it has come as the direct reward of his earnest and intelligently directed effort.

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#### OWEN R. JONES.

Owen R. Jones owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres on sections 33 and 34, Calamus township, upon which he carries on general farming and stock-raising, and his business qualifications and his genuine personal worth entitle him to be numbered among the representative citizens of Dodge county. He was born on December 3, 1857, and is a son of O. B. and Ann (Edwards) Jones, natives of Wales. His father's birth occurred in 1823 and in 1844 he crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in Columbus county, Wisconsin. In the following year he purchased a farm on Fountain Prairie, in that section which he operated until a few months before his death, when he moved to Randolph and made his home with his daughter. The mother of our subject was born in Wales in 1825 and was married in America in 1848. She and her husband had eight children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: David O., who married Rachel Prichard, and who lives in Spencer, Iowa; John O., who married May Roberts, a daughter of Griffith Roberts of Bristol Grove, Minnesota; Edward E., who married Mary Jones of Fillmore

county, Minnesota, and who lives in Lime Springs, Iowa; Ann, who became the wife of Robert Lewis of Fillmore county, Minnesota; Mary, who married John Williams of Randolph, Wisconsin; and Owen R., the subject of this sketch.

Owen R. Jones was reared upon his father's farm in Fountain Prairie and in his early youth went west and carried on general agriculture in South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, and northern Iowa, locating upon his present farm in Calamus township in 1888. Since that time he has made his home in this section and is today ranked among the leading and representative citizens of the county. His farm comprises one hundred and fifty-seven acres, one hundred and seven of which are under cultivation. He carries on general agriculture and stock-raising, breeding all grades of cattle. He has lived for almost a quarter of a century upon the property which he is now operating and has made it a well improved farm, equipped with large barns and outbuildings and with modern labor-saving machinery.

In October, 1886, Mr. Jones was united in marriage in Fountain Prairie to Miss Mary Roberts, a daughter of David R. Roberts, of that section. Mrs. Jones was reared by her uncle, Robert R. Roberts, having made her home with him since the death of her mother. She and her husband became the parents of nine children, two of whom have passed away. The others are: Margaret, who was born in 1887, and who is the wife of William C. Roberts, a son of Hugh Roberts of Calamus township; Agnes, who was born in January, 1889, and who lives at home; Milton, whose natal day was September 15, 1890, and who now lives in Spencer, Iowa; Edward, who was born in August, 1892, and who is still with his parents; Roy, who was born in November, 1894, and who also lives with his parents; Harriett, whose birth occurred in August, 1897; and Maurice, who was born on the 27th of July, 1905, and who is still upon the home farm.

In his political beliefs Mr. Jones is a consistent republican and takes an intelligent interest in public affairs although he has never sought public office. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Viewed from every standpoint his life may be termed successful because he has made his holdings productive and valuable, and has achieved the good-will, trust and respect of all with whom he has been associated.

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#### EARL M. FEELYATER, D. V. S.

Dr. Earl M. Feelyater, of Randolph, is successfully engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery and also acts as assistant state veterinarian. His birth occurred in Columbus township, Columbia county, Wisconsin, in 1887, his parents being Frank and Ada (Leffingwell) Feelyater. The father was born at that place in 1847. The paternal grandfather of our subject was reared in Paris and came to this country from France as a young man, landing in New York with only one shilling in his pocket. Making his way to Ohio, he there secured employment and by dint of hard work and careful economy accumulated some capital. On coming west he took up his abode in Columbus township, Columbia

county, this state. Unto him and his wife were born nine children. Dominick, the eldest, died of diphtheria when a child., Katherine, a native of Columbia county, became the wife of John Beckwith and they established their home in Columbus, Wisconsin, where they passed away and are buried. Nicholas, who was born in 1841, wedded Miss Charlotte Raines and lived in Columbus township, Columbia county, until his demise in 1911. Both he and his wife were buried at Columbus, the latter passing away about 1905. Rosa, whose natal year was 1843, still makes her home at Columbus, Wisconsin. Adam, whose birth occurred in 1845, wedded Miss Jennie Jones and yet resides in Columbus. His wife died about 1892 and was buried at that place. Samuel married Miss Charlotte Luey and established his home in Columbus, Wisconsin, where both he and his wife passed away and are buried. Frank Feelyater, the father of our subject, was the next in order of birth. Clarissa, born in 1851, died and was buried at Columbus. Louis, whose natal year was 1853, passed away in childhood.

Following his marriage Frank Feelyater took up his abode on the farm where he now resides. His children were four in number, namely: Earl M., of this review; one who died in infancy; Winifred, born in 1891, who gave her hand in marriage to Max Wendt and resides in Columbus, Wisconsin; and Bernard who was born in 1897 and is still under the parental roof.

Earl M. Feelyater obtained his early education in a district school and later entered the high school at Columbus, being graduated therefrom when a youth of seventeen. After putting aside his text-books he worked for several veterinarians in Columbus, Wisconsin, and Austin, Minnesota, and subsequently entered the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in 1911. He located for practice at Randolph, Wisconsin, and was here appointed assistant state veterinarian under A. H. Hartwig, state veterinarian of Wisconsin. In the line of his profession Dr. Feelyater has already won a creditable measure of success, his practice extending over a large territory. He is a member of the Alpha Psi fraternity of Chicago and now holds the office of president of its alumni association. A young man of ability and ambition, he will undoubtedly make steady advancement in the field of his chosen life work.

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#### ALBERT GENRICH.

Albert Genrich, who owns and operates a farm of eighty acres located on section 36, Westford township, was born in Germany on the 1st of February, 1846. He is a son of Gottlieb and Henrietta (Felgenhauer) Genrich, both of whom passed their entire lives in the old country, the father's death there occurring when our subject was a child of about two years. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Genrich numbered eight children: Wilhelmina, who became the wife of Frederick Scharbias, and passed away in Merrill, Wisconsin, where she is buried; Albertina, the deceased wife of John Bachaus, her death occurring at Wausau, this state, where she is buried; Johanna, the wife of Fred Tetz, who has always resided in Germany; Fred, a resident of Wausau, this state, who married Wilhelmina Guese; Ferdinand, who married Gusta Fox and passed away in Germany about 1896;

Frank, who emigrated to this country about 1867, locating in Rolling Prairie, this state, where he married Albertina Leitzke, now residing in Beaver Dam; and Julius, deceased, who passed his entire life in Germany.

Albert Genrich, the other member of the family, passed the first twenty-four years of his life in his native land. Having become dissatisfied with conditions as he found them there, he resolved to join his brother in America and in 1870, took passage for the United States. He arrived June 18th, of that year, and came direct to Wisconsin, locating at Burnett. Two years later he went to Nebraska, where he remained until 1874, when he returned to Wisconsin, settling on his present farm in Westford township. Here he has ever since resided, devoting his entire time and attention to the development of his property. His land is all under cultivation and in connection with his general farming he engages in dairying and raises graded stock.

Mr. Genrich was married in 1871 to Miss Henrietta Leitzke, who was born in Germany, October 7, 1847. In 1869, she left her native land and emigrated to the United States, making the long journey alone. She came direct to Wisconsin, locating in Rolling Prairie. To Mr. and Mrs. Genrich there have been born the following children: Annie, who was born in 1872, became the wife of August Ehlert, and passed away in Beaver Dam in 1900, being buried in Oakwood cemetery; Julius, whose birth occurred in 1873; Amelia, who was born in 1875; Emma, whose natal year was 1877, and who is the wife of Fred Michaels, of Aurora, Illinois; Clara, who was born in 1880, and is the wife of Carl Michaels, of Beaver Dam; and Arthur, who was born November 8, 1882, and married Emma Pódolski, of Horicon, Wisconsin.

In matters of faith the family are Lutherans, the parents holding membership in the First German church of that denomination in Beaver Dam. Mr. Genrich has worked zealously early and late and fully merits such success as has come to him. In matters of business he is strictly honest and upright and has won the reputation among his neighbors and fellow townsmen of being trustworthy and reliable.

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#### JOSEPH KIRK EVISON.

During the last six years of his life Joseph Kirk Evison was a resident of Beaver Dam and for forty years previously had lived in Wisconsin. He displayed many sterling traits of character—devotion to his family, loyalty to his friends, fidelity to his country and unfaltering allegiance to his church—and thus it was that he won and enjoyed the respect and good-will of all who knew him. He was born at Navenby, Lincolnshire, England, October 21, 1831, and was about seventeen years of age when he came alone to the new world. Later his parents, his brothers, William, Christopher and George, and his sisters, Elizabeth Ann and Susannah, also came to the United States. He first located in Brookfield, Wisconsin, and though his financial resources were limited, his energy and determination were unfaltering and he put forth every possible effort to make a start in life. In 1863 he removed to Burnett, where he lived until 1896, and thence he removed to Beaver Dam, where he made his home for about a year, when



he returned to the farm and spent four years. He then returned again to Beaver Dam, where he lived until his demise. In England he was a shepherd but in the new world followed agricultural pursuits and became a farmer of the more modern and progressive type.

While living in Brookfield, Wisconsin, Mr. Evison was united in marriage to Miss Anna Leith and unto them were born nine children, five of whom are living, namely: Edgar Kirk, Joseph Arthur, William Leith, Jenny Isabel and Lizzy Ann. The wife and mother passed away on the 15th of December, 1896, at her home in Beaver Dam, and about five years later, or on the 12th of June, 1901, Mr. Evison wedded Mrs. Mary E. Hovey. They lived together in happy wedlock until separated by death on the 25th of April, 1910, when Mr. Evison was called to the home beyond. In his native town of Navenby he was reared in the Episcopal faith but soon after coming to this country he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he remained a consistent and devoted member until his death.

Mrs. Evison, who still survives him, bore the maiden name of Mary Saunders and was born in Monterey, Schuyler county, New York, June 29, 1848, her parents being Avery P. and Caroline (Goodrich) Saunders, who had but the one child. In her very early girlhood the family removed to the south and in 1865 she left Grenada, Mississippi, to become a resident of the Empire state. In 1867 she married George L. Hovey at Rock Stream, New York, and they traveled life's journey together for about nineteen years, when in 1886 Mr. Hovey passed away. Her father, born in New York, went south in 1856 and served as a Confederate soldier during the Civil war. Mrs. Evison has written most interesting reminiscences concerning the period of the Civil war which for lack of space we cannot print in full. She said in part: "My memory drifts back to the dear old sunny south, before the war, in slavery days, when I was a happy schoolgirl in a southern Baptist college. There were rumors of war and when the call went forth 'To arms,' every man or boy who loved his country responded to the call. Soldiers began to go into camp from our own town, across the road in a grove from my home. Professor Granberry, every time a train would come into the station loaded with soldiers, would march the girls to the train to see them. . . . Our home companies left us and others came and camped around us. Our colleges and churches were taken for hospitals and there was no more going to school until the war was over. School closed at once the day after the national colors were lowered over Fort Sumter and we began to realize that war had come in earnest. At last the bluecoats faced the gray legions, and as sadly as they misjudged each other at that time, there was not one who fell asleep that night but realized that before another sun would set the red soil would be dyed a still redder hue. Our president, Jefferson Davis, reviewed his troops, some thirty thousand men, on a field just back of our house. The soldiers were from three o'clock in the morning until noon getting on the ground to be reviewed by the president, who rode a very excitable but beautiful black horse. Everybody went to see the parade. It was the grandest sight of my life. . . . At last these troops were called to 'Forward march' toward Corinth and Shiloh and the town seemed forsaken. There was not a man or boy to be seen that could carry a gun, only those too old or too young and a few who were detailed from the ranks for other duties. Among

these was my father, who, being an undertaker, was detailed to make coffins. Finally there came a draft and he, too, had to respond to the southern call." Mrs. Evison then writes a clear account of the hard times that ensued, when seventy-five dollars in Confederate money was paid for a pound of coffee, when it was a rare treat to have biscuit which had previously been served in southern homes three times a day and when they lived principally on corn meal, ground in a portable mill by hand. For lights they sometimes used a button tied up in a cloth put in a saucer of grease. Again they would use a corncob wound around with five yards of candle wick dipped in rosin, beeswax and melted tallow. Dry goods, too, were exceedingly high and could only be secured when some of the ladies, with a negro driver and an ox team, would go to Memphis, ninety-eight miles away, and smuggle through their purchases. But at length the guards became suspicious and searched everyone that came through the lines. "We had to spin our own thread, card our cotton rolls by hand, spin them into thread, boil this and twist it while wet. I at one time paid eighty dollars for eight yards of cloth for a 'best dress' and for a hat wore a sun-bonnet. I finally learned to braid straw and palmetto very much like some of the fancy braids used today.

"One morning, bright and beautiful, up from behind the forts the sun burst forth in all the splendor of early summer. But listen! Sounds came like thunder, although the sky was cloudless. Soon it came again, deepening into a sullen roar, and we knew what it meant. It was an exciting time when our town was taken. Just before the northerners came in, you would see women here and there, carrying trunks to hide them from the Yankees. My stepmother and I did not agree very well on the political question of the day. I had northern blood in my veins and it rushed to the surface, manifesting itself in favor of the Yankees. She, being a South Carolinian and one of the strongest secessionists, sided with the south. I came running in one day clapping my hands and exclaiming: 'Atlanta has fallen, and all the forts around Mobile.' Mother became very angry with me and called me a black-hearted republican. On and on the northerners came through fields and woods across the river, where other scenes were destined to occur on this fatal day. 'Close up, close up!' shouted the commander. As they push onward a gray haze begins to spread over the heavens, and the air is heavy with burnt powder, the fire rings from the musketry and artillery. I only wish I might picture these scenes as I saw them. Back and forth the gray and blue lines stagger and reel in appalling scene of uproar, confusion and death. A mighty hurrah rents the air, the blue masses come forward and the enemy flies. Broken, disordered, the gray lines melt away into a disorganized mass that rolls back in disorder and confusion, realizing that our town was hopelessly lost. The sun hung like a ball of fire in the heavens. Our men, the southerners, retreated past our house about five o'clock. I stood in the door looking down toward the river. I saw a squad of cavalry coming, thinking at the first glimpse it was the southerners still retreating. As they neared the house I could see their blue coats. A friend standing in the door with me when we first saw them slapped her hands, trying to hurry them on that they might not be taken prisoners. Everything that had anything to do with the government was burned that night. The town seemed to be one mass of flames." Mrs. Evison then gave a most interesting description of the

Memorial Day in the south, saying: "It is worthy of remembrance that notwithstanding the bitterness that then existed, the grave of every northern soldier was decorated and from that time to the present not one has been neglected anywhere through the south. In Richmond, in historic old Hollywood cemetery, there is a soldiers' monument, ninety feet high, which marks the graves of eighteen thousand Confederate soldiers. There lie our beloved generals, Stuart and Pickett, who fell on the battlefield only seven miles away, trying to save Richmond for a time from the enemy. There also, upon a lofty eminence overlooking the falls of James river, rests the president of the 'Confederate States' and by his side Miss Winnie Davis, the 'Daughter of the Confederacy,' whom not only the south but the whole country loved and mourned, and on this Memorial Day from all over the country are sent flowers as a tribute to her worth and in attestation of a reunited country."

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#### GEORGE BREWSTER SWAN.

George Brewster Swan, a graduate in law from the University of Wisconsin, has since 1903 been engaged in practice in Beaver Dam, his native city, and the eight years which have elapsed since that time have chronicled steady progress in his profession, with increasing ability to handle intricate and important litigated interests. He was born June 4, 1878, and is a son of Dr. George E. and Mary W. Swan, the former of whom was a descendant of Thomas Benedict, who came to the Plymouth Bay colony in 1638.

George B. Swan acquired his early education in the Beaver Dam public schools and later attended Shattuck Military School in Faribault, Minnesota, and was from 1898 to 1900 a student in Colgate University at Hamilton, New York. His broad literary training enabled him to make rapid progress in his preparation for the bar, for his receptive mind and retentive memory qualified him to grasp readily the salient points of the profession. In 1903 he received the degree of LL. B. from the law department of the University of Wisconsin and opened an office in Beaver Dam, where he has since attained a position of prominence and importance in legal circles. He prepares his cases thoroughly and is seldom, if ever, at fault in his application of a legal principle. In addition his mind is naturally analytical and in his reasoning he clearly points out the relation of cause and effect, his deductions being entirely logical. In consequence, his practice has grown and expanded, so that today he is connected with much of the important litigation in the courts of his district.

On the 4th of August, 1904, Mr. Swan married, at Beaver Dam, Miss Mary A. Campbell, a daughter of James and Margaret Campbell, the former a native of Canada, of Scotch parentage, and the latter born in Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Swan have two children: George Campbell, aged seven; and Mary Margaret, aged six.

Mr. Swan has always taken an interest in educational affairs and in movements of general interest, his identification as trustee with the Wayland Academy, as director with the Williams Free Library and as a member of the board of directors with the Beaver Dam Hospital Association indicating something of

the scope of his activities. In college he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and was received in the Phi Delta Phi in law school. He is also prominent in the Masonic order, holding membership in Dodge County Lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M. He gives his allegiance to the republican party but has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial and he has established himself in a successful and growing practice in his native city.

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#### LOUIS R. KOHLMANN.

One of the substantial, representative and enterprising farmers of Dodge county, who by carrying on agriculture along systematic and progressive lines are making their individual prosperity count as a public resource, is Louis R. Kohlmann, operating one of the finest tracts of land in the district. His farm comprises one hundred and twenty-five acres on section 36, Burnett township, and to its cultivation he is bringing industry, intelligence and activity and is making it a model property. Mr. Kohlmann was born on April 25, 1876, in Horicon and is a son of William and Augusta (Wegner) Kohlmann, both natives of Germany. They came to America at an early date and settled on a farm near Leroy. Mr. Kohlmann is the second of the three children born to their union.

Our subject received his early education in the German parochial school of Horicon and completed it in the public high school of that city. He has lived with his parents all his life but his active career began when he was fourteen years of age. At that time he obtained a position in a dry-goods store at Horicon, working in the employ of F. A. Melcher, with whom he remained for three years. At the end of that time he began farming and has since made this the principal industry of his life. His property is one of the finest tracts of land in Dodge county and Mr. Kohlmann has it entirely enclosed by a barbed wire fence. He has made extensive improvements in the buildings, erecting barns, a tool shed and granaries. He has remodeled the residence, making it comfortable and pleasant. He engages in general farming but specializes in the breeding and raising of mixed Durham and Holstein cattle. He is well known as a dairyman and the products of this branch of his enterprise he sells to the Union Dairy Cheese Factory. His herd for dairy purposes comprises fourteen head of high-grade cattle. He also breeds Poland China hogs for the Wisconsin markets and sells barley, oats, hay and other grains. He is an enterprising and skilful agriculturist and has promoted his prosperity by firm adherence to standards of progress.

On February 9, 1899, Mr. Kohlmann was united in marriage to Miss Ella L. Isaack, a daughter of Albert and Augusta (Christian) Isaack, both natives of Burnett township. To Mr. and Mrs. Kohlmann have been born five children, Harold, Myrtle, Millard, Viola and Verna.

Mr. Kohlmann is active in democratic politics and from 1909 to 1910 served as deputy sheriff under August Gramlow. He did able and successful work for two years and in the fall of 1910 announced his candidacy for the office

of sheriff. He was defeated by William Volkman, of Beaver Dam, but is now in the field for the office on the democratic ticket. His business success is only equalled by his personal kindness. He has taken care of his sister, Martha Laura Alice Kohlmann, since she was nine years of age. Her birth occurred December 30, 1890, and our subject has had entire charge of her education. He sent her to the Horicon Lutheran German Parochial school and she completed her studies in joint school district, No. 3, of Burnett and Oak Grove townships. Mr. Kohlmann is still a young man but during the period of his active life has taken a helpful part in the work of improvement and progress which has been carried forward along agricultural lines. He has directed his own career so successfully that he is today classed among the prominent farmers of Dodge county and has made his progressive and systematic labors fruitful of results.

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CARL F. RUEDEBUSCH.

Carl F. Ruedebusch does general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred forty-eight and one-half acres of land on section 3, Beaver Dam township, and is numbered among the prosperous, progressive and substantial agriculturists of this district. He is a native son of Dodge county, having been born in Mayville, March 18, 1869. He is a son of Henry F. and Louise Ruedebusch, natives of Germany, who were reared and educated in that country, where their marriage occurred. His father came to America about the year 1857 and settled in Dodge county, where he purchased land and carried on general agriculture for a few years, returning to Germany after a short time in order to bring his wife to this country. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Williamstown where he lived until 1890, when he disposed of his property and moved to Beaver Dam. Here he resided for one year, buying at the end of that time sixty acres near Mayville, upon which he lived until his death which occurred in 1906, when he was seventy-two years of age. His wife survives him and makes her home with her daughter in Mayville.

Carl F. Ruedebusch was the fifth in a family of ten children. He was reared at home and educated in the district schools of Dodge county, becoming acquainted at an early date with the details and methods of agriculture by personal experience upon his father's farm. He remained at home until he was twenty-one and then went to Nebraska, where he resided for two months returning to Beaver Dam where he learned the creamery business. For twenty years he was successful in this line of occupation following it until 1910, when he sold his enterprise and purchased the farm upon which he is now residing. He is the owner of one hundred forty-eight and one-half acres, highly improved and cultivated. He does general farming and specializes in stock-raising, intending to devote much of his time in the future to the breeding of pure-blooded Holstein cattle. He operates a sanitary dairy and sells his milk to a neighboring cheese factory. He has his acres planted in various grains and in hay and he feeds his own cattle, disposing of all his farm products in this way with the exception of his barley which he sells in the Wisconsin markets.

In 1898 Mr. Ruedebusch was united in marriage to Miss Lina Pernot, a daughter of Albert Pernot of Mayville. Mrs. Ruedebusch was born on July 28, 1871, and remained at home until her marriage. She and her husband became the parents of three children: Lester, who died at the age of five years and five months; and Eugene and Louise, both of whom live at home. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church of Beaver Dam.

In his political beliefs Mr. Ruedebusch is a firm republican, taking an intelligent interest in local and national affairs but never seeking public office for himself. He is well known as a member of the Royal Arcanum and has many friends in the section in which he resides. Although he has been farming but a short time his influence is important in agricultural circles for his methods are progressive and systematic and his standards high. He is one of the enterprising and prosperous citizens of his district and in him modern agriculture finds a worthy representative.

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#### GUSTAVUS FLOHR.

Gustavus Flohr was born in Dodge county in 1847, the beginning of the pioneer period in the section, and his life has been identified with almost its entire development and growth, for few settlements had been made within the borders in his childhood and all of the evidences of pioneer life were to be seen and hard conditions of pioneer development to be met. At the present time he owns and cultivates the homestead, which he aided his father to wrest from the wilderness, and his farm is one of the finest in the county. The name of Flohr has for many years been prominent in Wisconsin history. The father of our subject, Morris Flohr, was born in Saxony, Germany, and was reared and educated in that country. He came to America in 1846 and settled in Dodge county, on land in what is now Emmet township. He was a man of excellent education and had followed the trade of landscape gardening in his native country. When he settled in Wisconsin he purchased land and began its improvement and development. All around him stretched unbroken timber tracts and the growth was heavy upon his farm. With characteristic energy, however, he set himself to clear the land and fence his fields. There was a small shanty upon his property when he located there and his first winter in the new world was spent in this crude dwelling. However, in the following year he built a good log house, in which he lived with his family for some time. As his financial resources increased he added to his holdings, built substantial barns and outbuildings and finally erected an excellent modern dwelling. This was a frame house, but was brick filled, and this made it warm and comfortable throughout the severe Wisconsin winters. Morris Flohr reared his sons upon his farm in Emmet township but later retired to Watertown, where he resided until his death in 1883.

Gustavus Flohr is one of two children born to his parents. He grew to manhood upon his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. This was supplemented by a short course in the Watertown public schools. When Morris Flohr retired his son assumed charge of the management of the

estate and has since given a great deal of his time to its further improvement and development. He built a large basement barn, a silo and other outbuildings and installed machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. A large portion of his land is planted in orchard and a number of acres are under cultivation in suitable grains. In connection with general farming Mr. Flohr conducts a model dairy and is also extensively interested in stock-raising. He keeps a fine herd of graded Holstein cattle, with a pure-blood registered bull at the head. He also has fine hogs and thoroughbred horses. Every department of his farm is excellently managed and shows the care and supervision of an expert agriculturist.

Mr. Flohr was married, in Dodge county, June 1, 1872, to Miss Elizabeth Mengel, who was born and reared in this section. She is a daughter of John Mengel, who came from Germany to America when he was eighteen years of age and settled in Massachusetts, where he remained for a short time, employed in a factory. He there married Miss Elizabeth Frank, also a native of Germany, and with her moved to Wisconsin in 1843, among the pioneer settlers in the state. He entered a claim in Clyman township and after proving his title cleared it of timber and improved it in every way. Upon this farm he resided until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Flohr became the parents of six children, one of whom, William, died at the age of seven months. The others are: Franklin and Louis, who live at home and assist their father in the work of the farm; Charles, who is operating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Clyman township; and Hermina and Emily, both of whom live at home.

Since casting his first vote Mr. Flohr has steadily adhered to the principles and policies of the democratic party and has served in various local offices. He was elected a member of the board of supervisors and did able work for one term. He has also served as a member of the school board and was district clerk for a number of years. He held the office of district treasurer and has been a delegate to many county conventions. For sixty-five years he has lived in Dodge county and he is one of the few who have for so long a time witnessed its growth and development. Throughout the entire period he has made his home upon his present farm but has not confined his attentions and efforts to its cultivation alone, but from time to time has given hearty cooperation to many movements for the public good and has been active in their promotion. Dodge county owes its development to such men, who faced the hardships of life in pioneer times and have reclaimed this region for the purposes of civilization.

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#### EMIL J. SCHULZE.

Emil J. Schulze has been connected with the hardware business in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, for a number of years and as a member of the firm of Miller & Schulze occupies a prominent place in business circles of the city. He was born on December 16, 1870, and is a native son of Beaver Dam. His parents were Frederick A. and Augusta (Dornfeld) Schulze, both natives of Germany, who came to Wisconsin in 1843, settling in Lebanon, Dodge county. Mr. Schulze's grandfather, Frederick Schulze, also left his native country for America

and died in this country. He was the father of four children, Frederick A., William, August and Sophia. Emil J. Schulze is one of a family of nine children: Augusta, living in Kenosha, Wisconsin; Frederick, who passed away in 1909, at the age of forty-six years; Louis, born in Beaver Dam November 19, 1864; Frank and Emil, both of whom are residents of Beaver Dam; William, who lives in Spokane, Washington; Emmett, also of Beaver Dam; Olga, now Mrs. Zimpel, of Milwaukee; and Minnie, who makes her home in the same city.

Emil J. Schulze was educated in the public schools of his native city and at the age of twenty laid aside his books to begin his active career. He worked upon a farm near Beaver Dam until 1908 and was prosperous and successful as an agriculturist. He later turned his attention to the building business, specializing in structures made of cement blocks and gained a gratifying degree of success in this line. He later bought with Mr. Miller the hardware business belonging to Beichel Brothers and they conduct business under the firm name of Miller & Schulze. The firm is conducting one of the largest and most flourishing establishments in the hardware line in Beaver Dam and is bringing to its conduct modern and progressive principles.

Mr. Schulze was united in marriage to Miss Anna Vetter, a daughter of Elmer and Sophia Vetter, of Watertown, South Dakota. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Vetter were nine children: Edward, Robert, Louis, Anna, Hannah, Richard and Laura, all of whom reside in Watertown, South Dakota, except Anna, who is the wife of our subject; Ella, now Mrs. Louis, of Alberta, Canada; and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Schulze are the parents of three children: Alvin, whose birth occurred in September, 1899; Ella, born in 1900; and Frederick, born in 1903.

Mr. Schulze served with great ability and efficiency for three years as town clerk. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which organization he is past grand. He also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and is active in the Beavers. He is widely known as a representative and enterprising business man who has always maintained a commercial policy which is above reproach and which has brought him gratifying prosperity.

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#### DAVID W. WILLIAMS.

David W. Williams, who is now living retired in Columbus, was long and actively identified with general agricultural pursuits as a farmer and stock-raiser of Calamus township, owning a well improved place of one hundred and twenty acres which was his father's homestead and which he has recently sold. He has spent practically all of his life in Wisconsin, having come to Dodge county with his parents when he was a little over a year old. He was born in Wales, November 2, 1846, and is a son of William D. and Mary (Jones) Williams, both natives of that country, where the father was born on March 20, 1805, and the mother in the same year. Their marriage occurred in Wales, in 1837, and ten years later they came to America. They became the parents of six children: John W., born May 21, 1838, who married Miss Leah Williams and is now residing in Minneapolis; Margaret, who was born July 22, 1839,



and became the wife of Jonah Jones, of Columbus, Wisconsin; Catherine, who was born on the 1st of February, 1841, and who married Samuel W. Jones, also of Columbus; Mary, whose birth occurred on the 25th of November, 1844, and who became the wife of Thomas O. Jones, of Mankato, Minnesota; Moses, who passed away at the age of three years and is buried in Bethel at Elba; and David W., of this review.

The last named was one year and a half old when his parents settled in Elba township near Bethel church. They, however, remained in that section only a short time before they moved to their farm on section 32, Calamus township, where Mr. Williams spent his childhood. He was educated in the district schools and when not engaged with his books was active in assisting his father in the work of the farm, gaining thus at an early date a knowledge of the most practical and modern agricultural methods. Eventually he became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land, constituting his father's original purchase, and upon this carried on general agriculture and stock-raising with excellent success. In October, 1912, he disposed of his farm and took up his abode at Columbus, where he is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

On the 22d of December, 1886, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Williams, a daughter of Henry and Margaret Williams, of Oshkosh. He belongs to the Calvinistic Methodist church and is well known as a man of upright and exemplary life. He is numbered among the early settlers in this section of the state and has been an interested witness of its development. He has contributed his share thereto by conducting an enterprise in an intelligent and systematic way, his prosperity being an asset in the resources of the state.

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#### WILLIAM SCHAFER.

William Schafer is a native son of Wisconsin and has been identified with progressive farming in Calamus township for many years. He owns one of the finest tracts of land in Dodge county, his farm comprising two hundred acres, highly improved and developed, on sections 23 and 26. He has been active in its operation and by modern methods has made it a model agricultural enterprise, up-to-date and fully equipped. He has now, however, given up his active labors and has rented his farm to his nephews although he still makes his home upon his land. His birth occurred in Dodge county, March 30, 1854, and he is a son of John W. and Sophia (Gantz) Schafer, natives of Germany. The father was born in that country in 1821 while the mother's birth occurred in 1823. They were married in the fatherland and came to America in 1846, settling immediately in Lowell, where they remained until 1874. In that year they moved to Calamus township, where the father purchased land on section 24, and carried on successful general farming upon that property until 1895, when he disposed of his original holdings and purchased a farm on section 26, and there he passed away in March, 1909, being survived by his wife until June, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer became the parents of seven children: Kate, who married Christian Reinhard, of Reesville; William, the subject of this sketch; Julia, who became the wife of William Herkert of Beaver Dam; Phillip,

who died at the age of twenty-six, and is buried in Lowell; Etta, who became the wife of Gustave Kranz of Progress; Fred, who married Martha Geutzen, and who lives in Calamus township; and Annie, who married Charles Zepp of Lowell.

William Schafer was educated in the public schools of Calamus township. He assisted his parents in the operation of the farm until they died and afterward took complete charge. He owns two hundred acres on sections 23 and 26, one hundred and forty acres of which are under cultivation. He has built all the barns and outbuildings and made extensive improvements, carrying on his labors along modern and systematic lines. He now leaves the active work of the fields to his two nephews to whom he rents his property.

Mr. Schafer is well known in Calamus township where he has resided for thirty-eight years and has a wide acquaintance here. He has won universal trust and good-will by reason of a life which in all its phases is straightforward and honorable and actuated by high standards of business activity.

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#### ROBERT F. ROBERTS.

Robert F. Roberts, secretary and manager of the Randolph Wagon Works and one of the most important men in business circles of the village, was born in the section in which he is now active, July 12, 1858. He is a descendant of an old Welsh family and his grandfather, Robert Roberts, was one of the representative citizens of his section in Wales. He was born in 1750 and his active life was in quite a measure devoted to the suppression of the liquor traffic in his native country. He was twice married and reared eight children. To his first marriage were born five, namely, Robert, Thomas, Jane, Ann and Hugh. Of the second marriage to Cathrine Foulks, were born to him: David; Foulk, the father of our subject; and Thomas, named after his deceased half-brother. There were forty-nine years between him and his half-brother Robert, and the father was seventy-six years of age, when this son was born to him.

The father of our subject, Foulk R. Roberts, was born in Carnarvonshire, Wales, February 14, 1820, and remained in that country until August 20, 1844, and two days prior, he was married to Cathrine Owens of the same place, a daughter of Griffith and Elizabeth Owens. She was also one of eight children, namely, Jane, Sarah, Mary, Cathrine (the mother of our subject), Samuel, Esther, Griffith and Ellen.

Mr. and Mrs. Foulk Roberts, the parents of our subject, together with the father's mother and two brothers, David and Thomas, left their native country, August 20, 1844, on a ship called Patrick Henry, and came directly to Wisconsin. Foulk Roberts located on section 12, Randolph township, Columbia county and lived there continually, with the exception of ten months in 1881, when they lived in the village of Randolph, until their death. Mrs. Roberts passed away June 17, 1902, and Mr. Roberts January 12, 1908, and they are both buried in the Blaen-y-Cae cemetery on land which he donated for church and cemetery purposes. They became the parents of five children. Cathrine, born January 1, 1846, married William Parry, of Milwaukee, and makes her home in that city.

Her husband was killed in an elevator accident, January 13, 1902, and is buried in Randolph. Elizabeth was born September 29, 1849. She married John R. Owen, of Elba township, where they have resided since that time. However, they are now living in Randolph and expect to make that place their home. Sarah, born February 24, 1852, became the wife of Richard P. Wynne, of Milwaukee. She died in that city April 8, 1899, and is buried in Blaen-y-Cae cemetery. She left one daughter who has been legally adopted by Elizabeth and John R. Owen. Mr. Wynne was employed for ten years with Mandel Brothers and later worked in the interests of Gimbel Brothers of Milwaukee. After the death of his first wife he married again and returned to Wales, where he now lives. Ellen was born November 15, 1854. She married Richard J. Williams and they are living on the old homestead in Randolph township, a tract of land upon which her father settled when he first came to America. The youngest son born to Mr. and Mrs. Foulk R. Roberts is Robert F., of this review.

Robert F. Roberts was reared at home and received his education in the public schools of Randolph township. For a number of years he followed farming and in 1881 settled on a tract of land on section 17, Fox Lake township, upon which he resided for four years. At the end of that time he disposed of this property and bought the old homestead in Columbia county and for seventeen years gave his entire time and attention to its further improvement and development. At the end of that time he sold the farm to his brother-in-law and moved into the village of Randolph, where he established himself in the farm implement business, drawing his trade almost entirely from local sources. He proved himself such an able and efficient business man that in 1902 he was made secretary and manager of the Randolph Wagon Works and has since devoted his time to carrying forward the interests of that company. Under his direction the capital stock has increased from twelve thousand, five hundred dollars to one hundred thousand dollars and the concern has been put upon a paying basis. This in itself is sufficient proof of Mr. Roberts' executive force and power.

On September 9, 1880, Mr. Roberts married Miss Margaret A. Jones, second daughter of Owen and Ann Jones, who came from their native country of Wales in 1847 and settled in Utica, Winnebago county, Wisconsin. They had three other children: Catherine, who died in 1899; Daniel A., of Milwaukee; and Mary L., who married E. J. Williams, of Randolph. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have two children. Jeannette was born July 27, 1882, and for several years assisted her father as his stenographer and bookkeeper. On October 11, 1911, she married Bert McCloud, a railroad engineer, but they are now farming her father's farm on sections 6 and 7, Fox Lake township. A portion of this farm Mr. Roberts of this review inherited from his uncle, Thomas R. Roberts, who had owned the property since 1844, when he purchased it from the United States government. He named it Blaen-y-Cae, meaning first of the field, after his family's old homestead in Wales. He spent his declining years with Mr. Roberts of this sketch and died January 26, 1912. He is buried in Blaen-y-Cae cemetery, by the side of his mother, Cathrine (Foulks) Roberts, with whom he had located on his farm and with whom he had lived until her death in 1871. Katherine, the second child born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Roberts, was born July 24, 1887. She was graduated from the Milwaukee Normal School and afterward taught for five years in the primary department of the school of Randolph. On

September 18, 1912, she married Everett H. Gilmore and they are living on the Gilmore homestead, Courtland township, Columbia County. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were for many years adherents of the Welsh Calvinist Methodist church and retained their connection with it until 1901, when they joined the Methodist Episcopal church of Randolph.

Fraternally Mr. Roberts belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Equitable Fraternal Union. He is a republican in national politics but on local questions votes the prohibition ticket and supports earnestly and consistently the principles and policies of prohibition. He has held many township offices but is not ambitious to extend his political activity, preferring to devote his entire time to his business interests, which are capably conducted, making him one of the leading men of Randolph.

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### JOHN S. LIGHTNER.

The life and activities of John S. Lightner have been identified with a very interesting period in the development of the middle western states and have covered a time which is unique in the history of the growth of Dodge county. He has seen Randolph grow from an unorganized village into one of the most flourishing communities in this part of the state and for many years has been one of the greatest factors in the expansion of its industrial, professional and trade relations. The history of his active and enterprising career illustrates the character of his interests and the forceful quality of the man who made them effective. Mr. Lightner was born September 12, 1839, in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. His father, Adam Lightner, was also a native of that section, born in 1810, in the same house in which the birth of his son occurred. The grandfather of our subject was a native of Holland and emigrated to America, leaving a brother in his native land, who became a wealthy business man in that country, and died possessed of an estate valued at fourteen million dollars, which on account of no resident relatives in that country went into chancery, the government claiming the estate. Adam Lightner died in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, in 1906, when he was ninety-six years of age. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Eliza Stryker, a native of New Jersey, from which state she came to Pennsylvania, where her marriage occurred. Besides the subject of this sketch eight children were born to this union. William E., the second son, married Miss Lettie Boyer. He is associate judge of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, where he now resides. The third living son, Addison, is a pharmacist in Randolph. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Lettie Epley. Calvin R. Lightner, the fourth son has been for twenty-five years a practicing physician in St. Louis, Missouri. He married Miss Allie Elliot of that city. The fifth son born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lightner is Mahlon, who married Miss Jessie Clute, a daughter of Colonel Clute, of Schenectady, New York. The latter built some of the iron-clads which were used in the Civil war. Mahlon T., resided in South Dakota for several years, was a member of the state senate, and is now living in Los Angeles, California. Edward E. died in West Township, Pennsylvania, and is buried in that section. Flora A. married S. C. Gilbaugh and lives in

Grafton, Pennsylvania. Mary E. became the wife of Doctor Quinn, of Brockwayville, Pennsylvania. One child died at the age of six years.

John S. Lightner, the eldest son, studied in the Mooresville Collegiate Institute in Mooresville, Pennsylvania, and received his diploma in 1860. At the close of the school year he came west with three of his fellow students and stopped at Huntington, Indiana, on his way to Memphis, Tennessee, where he expected to teach school. He intended also to meet his uncle, Joseph Stryker, who was afterward appointed by Abraham Lincoln American consul at Pernambuco, Brazil. Mr. Lightner remained in Huntington for five weeks and during that time the Civil war broke out and his uncle wrote him not to continue his journey, as all the teachers in the southern states were going north. Mr. Lightner accordingly remained in Indiana and made his home with the Rev. Richard Currin, a friend of his father. In company with Mr. Currin's brother-in-law, Doctor Bartine, he prepared a lecture, entitled: "The Past, Present and Future," and in Fort Wayne, Indiana, purchased a magic lantern outfit with which to illustrate his talk. The two partners traveled extensively, going first to Balkin schoolhouse on the Mad river, Ohio, and from there they traveled along the Miami river through the state until winter set in. At the end of the season Doctor Bartine purchased Mr. Lightner's interest in this business and the latter then purchased an interest in an auction wagon and after closing out the auction business taught school for three months in Sadorus, Illinois. This was at the time when wild cat money was in circulation all over the United States. In Illinois Mr. Lightner possessed a supply of Wisconsin currency and with it came to Wisconsin to dispose of it to better advantage. He went to Ripon and there met Doctor Baker, a graduate physician and pharmacist, under whom he studied medicine and pharmacy and practiced both professions for six months. At the end of that time he persuaded Doctor Baker to remove to Randolph, being influenced in this by the opportunities which the newly organized village afforded and the attractive aspects of the surrounding country. The partners finally established themselves in the drug business in Randolph, also practicing medicine, but the many hardships which this entailed led to the dissolution of their association, Mr. Lightner retaining the drug business. Doctor Baker afterward moved to Nebraska and died in that state. Gradually Mr. Lightner became identified with other important business interests in Randolph and his prosperity is intimately connected with the development of the town. Under Cleveland's administration he was appointed postmaster and held that office for two terms, after which he served for twenty-one consecutive terms as treasurer of the city, giving to his fellow citizens a progressive, upright and straightforward administration.

In 1873 Mr. Lightner married Miss Eva Richmond, a daughter of Riley S. Richmond, of Randolph, president of the first canning factory ever established in the city. Mrs. Lightner died in 1906. Mr. Lightner is prominent and well known in the Masonic order, holding membership in the blue lodge at Fox Lake, which he joined in 1862; in the chapter, at Beaver Dam, which he joined in 1868; and in the commandery at Portage, with which he became identified in 1892. He is also a Knights Templar at Beaver Dam. He is now in the seventy-fourth year of his age but in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime. He is proud of the city, in the general expansion of which he has been active and prominent, and

he is loyal to the institutions and traditions which he has seen established and developed. His many friends in Randolph honor him not only for his business connections, which are extensive, and his success, which is undoubted, but for the energy, honesty, integrity and high-mindedness which made those connections lasting and the success well merited.

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#### ANDREW A. WASHBURN.

As a keen and discriminating business man, an able politician, and above all, a loyal and public-spirited citizen, Andrew A. Washburn is entitled to the prosperity he is now enjoying and to the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He unites in his career success in the real-estate business and in local journalism with able and competent work as an alderman. His paper, the Horicon Reporter, is becoming an increasingly important organ in the community and its affairs are ably administered from an editorial and business point of view. Mr. Washburn was born in the city in which he now resides on September 15, 1873, and is a son of Simon and Ernestina (Discher) Washburn. His father was born near Montpelier, Vermont, December 13, 1816, and he moved to New York in his early youth. He spent some years employed in a smelter in that section but came west in 1849, locating first in Oak Grove, Wisconsin, from whence after two years he came to Horicon, where for a short time he engaged in the iron smelting business. Soon after he took up a preemption claim of one hundred and twenty acres in Williamstown, one mile north of Horicon, and engaged in farming until he was seventy years of age. He then sold his holdings and moved into the town where he lived retired until his death which occurred in September, 1901. His wife was a native of Pomerania, Germany, where her birth occurred on February 12, 1838. She is now residing with the subject of this sketch. She and her husband became the parents of four children: Charles H., who is a farmer and stockman of Polk county, Wisconsin; Emily, who has passed away; Freda, who married Carl Grashorn a farmer of Greenwood, Clark county, who was one of the first to engage in the creamery business in the state; and Andrew, the subject of this sketch.

Andrew A. Washburn received his early education in the Horicon public schools and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1893. He attended afterward the Milwaukee State Normal and finished the course in 1897. He supplemented this by one year at the University of Wisconsin and has had the advantage of an excellent education. He made wise use of his opportunities in this line and fitted himself for teaching. In 1908 he obtained the position as principal of the Rio school and after one year was engaged as a traveling salesman. On January 17, 1900, he purchased a half interest in The Reporter, and a few months later bought the entire plant and has devoted himself to the operation of this paper since that time. He is a true journalist, alive to the important phases of the day's events with an instinct for news and with an editorial facility in pointing out its bearing and importance. His business discrimination has made his enterprise successful and the circulation of his paper has increased from four hundred to over three times that number. Mr. Washburn is also

engaged in the real-estate business and owns several valuable business buildings and also a farm near Horicon which he operates himself. He has platted a part of this land into town lots under the name of the Turner addition, and is interested in its upbuilding and improvement.

On October 17, 1900, Mr. Washburn was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Chapman, who was born in Hartford, Wisconsin, October 20, 1875. She is a daughter of Wallace W. and Lydia (Wilcox) Chapman. Her father was in early life a carpenter and held the position as head of the St. Paul Railroad crew for twenty-four years, resigning to accept the office of postmaster in Horicon, in which capacity he acted until his death which occurred July 1, 1905. He was a veteran of the Civil war and served as a member of Company E, Tenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He spent nineteen months in Andersonville and Libby prisons and served until the end of the war. To him and his wife were born three children: Edgar, who was formerly identified with the St. Paul railroad at Green Bay, Wisconsin, as train dispatcher, but who is now deceased; Jessie, the wife of our subject; and Harry, who resides in Horicon and who is assisting in the operation of The Horicon Reporter.

In his political affiliations Mr. Washburn has been a progressive republican. He served as delegate to the republican state convention in 1900 when La Follette was first nominated as governor. In 1904 he was elected to the office of city clerk. He is now a member of the city council, serving his second term in this office. He was appointed by the governor in January, 1911, to represent this congressional district at the convention of the National Tariff Commission Association at Washington, D. C. He brings to public life the same ability and conscientiousness which have distinguished his business and journalistic career and have made him successful in both. He is affiliated with Horicon Lodge, No. 87, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Modern Woodmen of America, while Mrs. Washburn is a member of the Rebekahs. There is no man in Horicon more loyal to the community and to its institutions and more eager and capable of promoting its progress. He is vice president of the Advancement Association and his strenuous and effective work has been a factor in the development of the city. He was instrumental in getting for Horicon its water-works plant, and was among the first to agitate the question. He is an active force in politics and business and with whatever phase of life he is connected is sure to have a distinct and improving influence in the progress of the city.

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#### CLARON ARTHUR MARKHAM.

Advancement at the bar is proverbially slow and yet Claron Arthur Markham has made continuous progress since admitted to practice. His success has been based upon thorough preliminary training and careful preparation of his cases since entering actively upon the work of the courts. Wisconsin claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Independence, this state, on the 3d of January, 1878. His parents were Arthur A. and Rose C. (Bishop) Markham, the former born in England in 1830, and the latter in Wisconsin. The mother was a daughter of Dr. Collins Bishop, who at one time resided near Horicon,

and was a pioneer physician in this district. The Markham family traces its history back to 1066, A. D., when Claron De Markham went from Normandy to England with William the Conqueror and was given estates in the latter country. The family includes a former bishop of York, who figured in early English history, and many other members of prominence, among them Sir Clements R. Markham, until recently president of the Royal Geographical Society of London. Arthur A. Markham is a brother of Admiral Sir Albert H. Markham, K. C. B., of London, who has won fame as a geographer and arctic explorer. For a quarter of a century he held the record of "farthest north," made in 1876, when he reached latitude eighty-three degrees, twenty minutes and twenty-six seconds. It was not until 1896 that Fridtjof Nansen reached a point farther north and until 1902 that the Duke D'Abruzzi reached a point beyond that. Admiral Markham made four voyages in search of the north pole, being in command of the expeditions. He held the highest rank in the British navy and was second to the lord of the admiralty. He participated in the Chinese war and in many naval engagements and was retired as admiral of the fleet of the British navy. He has written seven or eight geographical and biographical works and is considered one of the world's authorities upon the subjects of which he treats.

Arthur A. Markham came to the United States in 1856 with his parents, Captain John and Marianne G. D. Markham, the former at one time connected with the English navy. Proceeding into the interior of the country, Captain Markham settled in the wilderness, at what is now Independence, Wisconsin, where he subsequently lived retired. His son Arthur became connected with agricultural pursuits, to which he devoted many years but is now living retired at Independence.

In their family were six children. John A., a graduate of the University of Minnesota, practiced law in partnership with his brother Claron from 1901 until 1905 and is now living in Independence, where he is filling the office of districe attorney. Claron A. is the second of the family; Marianne is at home; Frederick is living on the old home farm at Independence; William H., also a graduate of the University of Minnesota, is now a practicing attorney residing at St. Charles, Minnesota; Blanche, who completes the family, is also at home.

At the usual age Claron A. Markham entered the public schools, pursuing his studies through consecutive grades until he became a high-school student. He afterward engaged in teaching for two years and subsequently studied law in the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1901, the same year in which his brother John completed his course. They came to Beaver Dam on the 19th of July, of that year and C. A. Markham has since practiced in this city, his ability winning him recognition in a large, growing and distinctly representative clientele. He is strong in his pleadings, his arguments are forceful and his deductions follow in logical sequence. He has financial interests here as one of the stockholders of the German National Bank.

On the 20th of October, 1904, Mr. Markham was married to Miss Mary E. Westfall, of Redwood Falls, Minnesota, and they have a daughter, Muriel G. D., at home. Mrs. Markham is a member of the First Presbyterian church and Mr. Markham has fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Eagles. His political views accord with the principles of democracy but while probably not without that laudable ambition which is the in-



centive to all faithful service in public office, he regards the pursuits of private life as abundantly worthy of his best efforts and concentrates his time and energies upon his professional duties in a manner that has made his fidelity to the interests of his clients proverbial.

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#### MARTIN L. LUECK.

The present incumbent of the office of circuit judge, Martin L. Lueck, has for some years past been recognized as one of the foremost representatives of the Juneau bar, and during this period he has also figured prominently in local politics. The success which has come to him has been fraught with the usual difficulties encountered by the man who strives to establish himself in the professional circles of his native town, and is therefore deserving of greater commendation, as it has been won on the sheer strength of thoroughly tried and tested merit. His birth occurred here on the 24th of July, 1872, his parents being Frederick W. and Wilhelmina (Schauer) Lueck, natives of Germany, and well known residents of Juneau, whose history is more fully given elsewhere in this work.

Reared at home, Martin L. Lueck was given the advantages of the local schools, where he pursued his education until graduated from the high school. He subsequently engaged in teaching, and having resolved to adopt the legal profession for his life vocation, he later matriculated in the law department of the University of Wisconsin, receiving his degree with the class of 1894. Immediately thereafter he returned home and established an office as a general practitioner. Although he was only twenty-two years of age, he was known to be a young man of serious purpose, who earnestly and diligently applied himself of the general principles of jurisprudence and his ready grasp of legal technicalities shortly enabled him to win the confidence of local business men. Step by step he fought his way, his carefully prepared cases and an able manner of presenting and defending his points gradually winning him the recognition which formed the foundation of his now well established reputation. Four years enabled him to manifest his worth and general efficiency and in 1898 he was elected to the office of district attorney. He retained this position for four years and he also served with efficiency as city attorney and mayor, being identified with the latter office from 1906 until he assumed his present duties. He has proven entirely adequate to the demands of his position, and is acquitting himself in a manner highly satisfactory to his constituency and the community at large. His decisions manifest a careful deliberation of the points at issue united with a broad yet just application of the law.

On the 9th of May, 1904, Mr. Lueck was united in marriage to Miss Hedwig Kuentzel, whose natal day was the 31st of May, 1871. She is a daughter of William G. and Caroline (Koeding) Kuentzel, natives of Germany, who for some years were residents of Illinois. From there they came to Wisconsin, settling at Lowell, this county, whence they later removed to Juneau, locating here about 1885. The father, who is a minister, has ever since been pastor of

the German Reformed church of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Kuentzel had two children, the elder of whom, Paul G., is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Lueck there have been born three daughters: Ruth, whose birth occurred on the 14th of April, 1905; Dorothy, whose natal day was March 14, 1908; and May, who was born on May 1, 1912.

The parents are members of the German Reformed church and fraternally Mr. Lueck is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a democrat in his political views and stanchly supports the candidates of that party. His interests are not entirely confined to his profession but are extended to various local business enterprises, chief among these being the Oak Point Farms, of which he is one of the owners. Mr. Lueck's career both as an attorney and a politician has been of an exceptionally high standard, his integrity and reliability being above question. His reputation is that of a man whose first consideration is for the interest of his clients, while his loyalty to his public duties is too well known to call for comment but is well deserving of the commendation he is generally accorded. He is highly respected in local professional circles and is a member of the County, State and National Bar Associations.

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#### JOHN DICKINSON.

John Dickinson, an agriculturist who makes a specialty of dairying, owns and operates a farm of one hundred and sixteen acres in Chester township, which is the place on which he was born on the 15th of December, 1857. His parents were Benjamin and Margaret (Cowell) Dickinson, the former born in England in 1816 and the latter on the Isle of Man on the 3d of May, 1820. Benjamin Dickinson emigrated to the United States when about sixteen years of age—about the same time that Margaret Cowell came to this country with her parents. The maternal grandparents of our subject settled in Dodge county, across the road from the present home farm of John Dickinson. The parents of Mr. Dickinson of this review were married in the east and thence came to this county, settling on the place where he now resides. Benjamin Dickinson purchased this farm of forty acres from his father-in-law, who later lived with him. Both he and his wife continued to reside thereon throughout the remainder of their lives, his demise occurring on the 15th of August, 1881, while Mrs. Dickinson passed away on the 22d of October, 1898. To them were born six children, of whom George and Lester died in infancy. William ran away from home as a youth of sixteen, made his way to Chicago and enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of the Sixteenth Illinois Cavalry, remaining with that command for three years. His demise occurred on the 10th of September, 1897. Libby, who is now deceased, was twice married, her first husband being James Meade, by whom she had two children: George, who has passed away; and William. After Mr. Meade's demise she became the wife of David Kiley. Eugene is an agriculturist residing at Clarissa, Minnesota.

John Dickinson, the other member of the family, obtained his education in this county and worked on the home farm with his father until the latter's death.

A few years later he purchased the property, comprising one hundred and sixteen acres, in the further cultivation and improvement of which he has been engaged continuously since. He has seventeen head of high-grade cattle and specializes in dairying, this branch of his business yielding him a gratifying annual income.

Mr. Dickinson was united in marriage in 1882 to Miss Anna Huth, a daughter of John and Anstein (Listen) Huth, both of whom were born in Germany and emigrated to the United States following their marriage, settling in Mayville, Dodge county, Wisconsin. Subsequently they took up their abode near the home of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson have two children. Margaret, who was born in 1882, gave her hand in marriage to Carl Burns and makes her home at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. She is the mother of two children, Hollis, whose natal day was December 24, 1908; and Ruby Elizabeth, born September 21, 1912. Clyde Dickinson, who was born on the 14th of July, 1896, is still under the parental roof.

Mr. Dickinson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ably served in the capacity of township supervisor for a period of sixteen years. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Tululah Lodge, No. 33. He is greatly interested in hunting, indulging his love of that sport each year in the north woods. Mr. Dickinson is a man of intelligence and high standards of conduct, whose success is the result of industry and close application. He is held in high regard in the community where he has been known from boyhood and numbers among his closest friends many of the comrades of his school days.

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#### J. D. O'BRIEN.

The career of J. D. O'Brien of Randolph well illustrates the value of energy, ambition and honesty in insuring success. The undoubted prosperity which he enjoys is directly traceable to his possession of these qualities and to his recognition and use of an early business opportunity which they brought him. His business consists of buying and selling farm lands and residence property in Dodge county and in this connection he has influenced the development of real-estate values in this section of the state. He is one of the many energetic, successful, and progressive men whom Ireland has given to America in such great numbers. He was born in County Tipperary, in 1852, a son of John and Margaret (De-laney) O'Brien, both of whom lived and died in Ireland. They had four children, among them Michael, who was born in 1854, married Miss Jennie Fleming and now resides in Burnett county, and J. D., our subject. After the death of her first husband, the mother of our subject married Patrick Gleason and to this union were born four children: William, Patrick, Katherine, and Bridget. All these came to America; three reside in Auburn, New York, and the other lives in Toronto, Canada.

J. D. O'Brien remained in Ireland until he was twelve years old, coming to America in 1866 with his grandmother and aunt, and locating in Auburn, New York, where he remained for seven years. For a portion of this time he worked

upon a farm and was employed in a carriage and dry-goods store. He also peddled milk in Auburn, but abandoned this occupation before he came to Lost Lake, Wisconsin. There he worked for one year upon a farm and after that time came to Randolph, where he engaged in the same kind of work and then returned to Lost Lake, where for two more years he was employed in farm labor. He then bought a store at Lost Lake and for twenty-four years was engaged in business in this place, serving as postmaster of the town for sixteen years during this period. That he was well thought of and had made many friends is evident by the fact that he had to borrow sufficient money to buy his first bill of groceries when he started up in business and easily obtained the money from Michael McCrea, who willingly let him have a sufficient sum to launch him in his new departure. Mr. O'Brien has never forgotten this kindly act and is still appreciative of the confidence reposed in him. From Lost Lake he came to Randolph and opened up a store at this place, which he still owns. However, he gives most of his time to buying and selling real estate and has become prominent in this connection. There was another friend, a Mr. Richmond of Randolph, who gave him substantial aid in his career and who let him have enough money to purchase ten acres of timber land. The money was loaned without security and as an acknowledgment to Mr. O'Brien's well known integrity, and with this money he bought this property, cleared the timber and paid back his debt little by little. This gave him another impetus on his business career and was one of the cornerstones upon which was founded his success, which now places him among the deservedly prosperous men of the city.

In 1876 Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Goodwin, and to their union were born four children, two of whom died in infancy and are buried in St. Mary's cemetery in Lost Lake. The oldest living child is Elizabeth, who was born in 1877, and who married Lawrence Reak. They live upon a farm in Courtland township, Columbia county. John Edward was born in 1891 and lives in Madison. He is a graduate of the State University and is engaged in the drug business. The family belong to St. Mary's Roman Catholic church at Lost Lake, but attend a church of the same denomination at Fox Lake.

Mr. O'Brien gives his allegiance to the democratic party, and for fourteen years held the office of town treasurer of Westford, his able and effective work being evidenced by his long period of service. He is a typical example of the self-made man, whose first assets were his industry and honesty and he has worked himself upward until his success is assured. The secret of that prosperity lies in two things, the ability to use opportunities and the qualities of brain and character which command them.

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#### CHARLES W. HATHAWAY.

Charles W. Hathaway is a descendant of a fine old American family, his ancestral line dating back to prerevolutionary times. He exemplifies in his character the sturdy and energetic virtues of his forefathers and is making his life which has been devoted to progressive farming, useful and valuable as well as upright and worthy. He is a native son of Dodge county, having been born

upon the farm which he now operates on May 11, 1869. He is a son of Charles W. and Julia Ann (Smith) Hathaway, natives of Lewis county, New York, and is a descendant of Trumbull Smith, who lived in that section during the Revolutionary war. He was one of triplets, all of whom lived to be old men. When they were born General Washington asked for the privilege of naming them and acted as their godfather. He called one after himself, another after his friend General Greene of the Continental army and the third in honor of Governor Trumbull. The first to settle in Wisconsin was Charles W. Hathaway, the father of our subject. He came to this state about the year 1845 in the early days of its settlement and purchased forty acres in Beaver Dam township which constitutes a part of the present farm operated by our subject. He enlisted in the Civil war in Company F, First Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry and served for three years. After his discharge he returned to Beaver Dam and settled upon his property on section 36, where he carried on general farming until his death, which occurred in 1877. His wife is still upon the homestead in the eighty-fifth year of her age.

Charles W. Hathaway, our subject, was reared at home and was educated in the district schools of Dodge county. He has never left his father's farm and is now active in the operation of the original homestead and its additions. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of land all of which is under cultivation. Upon this property he does general farming, specializing in the raising of potatoes which he sells in the Wisconsin markets. He also engages in stock-raising and operates a model and sanitary dairy, keeping sixteen high-grade cows for this purpose and selling his product to the neighboring cheese factory. He has a number of acres of his land planted in hay and in barley and other grains and has his fields divided conveniently by barbed wire fences. He feeds and fattens high-grade Holstein cattle, disposing of all his grain in this way, with the exception of his barley which he sells. In 1886 he erected a fine barn one hundred feet long by thirty feet wide, built along the most modern lines of construction, equipped with cement floors and all modern accessories. All the improvements which make Mr. Hathaway's farm a model and up-to-date enterprise were made by himself or by his father. He is successful as an agriculturist because his methods are always practical and progressive and he has been rewarded for his energy and determination by a gratifying degree of prosperity.

In 1888 Mr. Hathaway was united in marriage to Miss Carrie D. Hennig, a daughter of Christian and Georgiana (Snickenburger) Hennig, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of Germany. They came to America in early life settling in Dodge county where the father took an active part in political life for some time, holding various public offices. He passed away in 1886 and was survived by his wife until 1910. Mrs. Hathaway was the second of eight children born to their union, her natal day being April 21, 1866. She and her husband have four children: Nelson, who resides in Beaver Dam; Clarence R., a resident of Hartford; Charles W., who is married and makes his home in Waterloo, Iowa; and Martha G., who lives at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hathaway is a staunch republican and has always taken an intelligent interest in the affairs of his community. He served for one year as township assessor and in 1910 was United States census enumerator in Beaver Dam township. He is interested in education and for five years

was a member of the school board, serving as clerk and director of that body. His life has been principally devoted to agricultural pursuits and his farming has been successful from the beginning. He learned the rudiments of the occupation by personal experience and hard work upon his father's property and became acquainted at an early date with the most approved methods of cultivation and with the details necessary to the management of an up-to-date agricultural enterprise. He has devoted his entire time to making his farm modern and up-to-date in every particular and has attained a degree of success which is the outcome of his intelligence and industry.

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JOHN REYNOLDS JONES, M. D.

Dr. John Reynolds Jones has been practicing medicine in Randolph for over twenty-five years and is one of the most prominent and popular physicians of that city. During his active years he built up a large and flourishing practice, his scientific efficiency and personal qualifications being known and recognized, but of late years he has confined himself principally to office work, having turned over the more arduous duties to his son. He was born near Bala, Wales, October 6, 1851, a son of John Jones, whose birth occurred in the same section in April, 1808. The father never came to America, but died in Wales in 1864. In his family were six children. Eleanor, the eldest child, married David Jones and lived in Wales until her death, which occurred in 1909. She had two sons, one of whom is residing in South Africa, and the other is teaching in Bangor, Wales. Jane, Edward, Elizabeth and Margaret, the youngest members of the family, died of typhoid fever, two of them being buried in one day.

Dr. John R. Jones remained in his native country until he was nineteen years of age and his education was received in its public schools. Crossing the Atlantic in 1870 he settled first in Utica, New York, whence after one year he came to Evanston, Illinois, where he conducted a drug store during the winter. In the spring of the same year he returned to Utica and there became connected with the photographic business as an employe for Mr. Pillsbury. From Utica he went to Savannah, Georgia, and from Savannah to Liverpool, England, arriving in Liverpool, January, 1872. In the same year he went to Carnarvon, Wales, and was there employed in a drug store, having become an expert pharmacist in his youth. Returning to America soon he settled in Racine, Wisconsin, in May, 1872, and there established himself in the drug business, conducting the fifth store of this kind in the city. This enterprise he managed for some time but finally sold it in order to take up the study of medicine. He entered Rush Medical College in Chicago, but completed his studies in the University of Iowa from which institution he was graduated in 1878, with the degree of M. D. For three months he practiced at Fox Lake and went from there to Fall river, Wisconsin, settling in that city, October 1, 1878. There he remained until 1883 in which year he moved to Racine, and after two years in that city went to Emporia, Kansas. While in Racine, Wisconsin, he was commissioned assistant surgeon of the Wisconsin National Guards. He was engaged in the general practice of medicine in Emporia, Kansas, until July, 1887, when he moved to

Randolph and has followed his profession in this city since that time. His skill, knowledge, and efficiency are beyond all question and they have been proven by over a quarter of a century of successful labor and are attested by his popularity among his patients and fellow practitioners. A keen student of the underlying principles of medicine Dr. Jones has added to his technical knowledge the practical experience which makes it effective and his work is of a lasting and useful kind which is always the result of a life spent in the service of others.

On October 1, 1872, Dr. Jones was married in Racine, to Miss Mary Ann Peate, a daughter of William Peate, of Wales. They became the parents of six children. The eldest son, Edward, was born July 8, 1873, and died in September, 1874. He is buried in Racine. Catherine, whose birth occurred September 24, 1874, married William J. Williams, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Arthur William is associated with his father in the practice of medicine. He is a twin of Otto John, born August 14, 1876. Both live at home. The fifth child born to Dr. and Mrs. Jones is Mary Jane. Her birth occurred in January, 1881, and she is the wife of Edward W. Brandel, cashier of the Randolph Bank. J. I., the youngest child, was born in April, 1887. He is a graduate pharmacist, holding the degree from the State University at Madison and he passed his examination before the Wisconsin state board before he was twenty-one years of age. He is now in the employ of John S. Lightner, of Randolph.

Dr. Jones has now practically given up his extensive practice and has turned it over to his son Arthur William, who is associated with him. The latter attends to all calls and to the more arduous duties, his father confining himself to a small office practice.

Dr. Jones, although he is intelligently interested in the growth and development of Randolph, takes no active part in politics. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the Knights of Pythias and is also prominent in the affairs of the Odd Fellows. He does not belong to any religion but states that "the world is his church." He was one of the early physicians in Randolph and has seen the village develop and grow. His work has been a factor in its progress and, although it has been of an unostentatious kind, it has brought him widespread popularity and well deserved success.

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#### ANDREW FRANK.

Andrew Frank was born October 31, 1864, in Washington county, this state, and resides on a highly productive farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 33 and 34, Trenton township. He follows farming along progressive and up-to-date lines and has attained well merited success. He specializes in dairying giving a great deal of care and attention to the details of this branch of his activities, and also breeds hogs and heavy draft horses. He has made nearly all of the improvements on his property and his farm stands today as a monument to his industry, perseverance and progressiveness. His parents were Jolin and Christina (Barnegger) Frank, natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, born near the Rhein. They were married in the fatherland and came to America on their wedding trip

in 1856, settling in the town of Hartford, Washington county, Wisconsin, where the father bought forty acres of unbroken land. He cleared his tract and put it under cultivation, making his home thereon until the fall of 1873, when he bought seventy acres, about one and a half miles north of his first farm, and moved on this property, residing there today in his eightieth year. The mother passed away in 1891, at the age of sixty-three years, and is buried in the Hartford cemetery.

Andrew Frank was seventh in order of birth in a family of eleven children. He was reared at home and received his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. He made himself useful on his father's farm, where he became acquainted with proficient methods of agriculture, until he reached his majority, when he left the parental roof to seek employment. He entered the service of an ice company and was so employed for eight years. In 1890 he came to Dodge county and settled upon eighty acres of land, which form part of the place upon which he now resides. He did not buy this land outright but acquired it by purchase two years after he made his residence thereon and has since then added to it from time to time until the farm now comprises two hundred and forty acres. Beside this valuable property he is also the owner of eighty acres in the town of Rock, Wood county. Mr. Frank settled on the former property shortly after his marriage and has been here engaged in general farming ever since. All of his land is ready for the plow except three acres, which is in valuable timber. He follows general farming and engages extensively in stock-raising. He has a herd of thirty-two cows, which he milks for his dairy, and he also breeds for the market. He raises pure-bred Chester White hogs and also breeds to Belgian and Percheron horses. All of the grain and hay which he raises on the farm is used for feeding his stock. In 1910 he built on his place a handsome, modern residence of thirteen rooms, equipped with running water, cold and hot, using the latter also for heating purposes. In 1905 he built a thoroughly modern and sanitary barn, forty by one hundred feet with cement floors, and in 1907 constructed a silo. The water supply for the farm is derived from drilled wells, which are operated by gasoline engines. All the improvements upon his property were placed thereon by our subject and are due to his indefatigable labor and industry.

Mr. Frank was married, September 23, 1890, to Miss Bertha H. J. Kolell, a daughter of August and Henrietta (Hildebrand) Kolell, who were natives of Germany and were married in this county. The mother passed away in 1882, at the early age of thirty-eight, and found her last resting place in the Lutheran cemetery in the town of Herman. The father makes his home at Columbus, Wisconsin, with a daughter, having attained the age of sixty-nine years. Mrs. Frank was the eldest of eleven children and was born February 6, 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Frank six children have been born, namely: William, born July 19, 1891, at home; Mary, who died aged fifteen months; Oscar, born November 11, 1896, at home; Benjamin, who died in infancy; August, born December 8, 1898, at home; and Elsie, who died at the age of two years.

Mr. Frank is a republican and has always taken a deep interest in local public affairs, especially those of an educational character. He has served for fifteen years on the school board and has been filling the position of treasurer of this board for nine years. For seven years he has been statistical commissioner. Mr. Frank and his family are faithful members of the Lutheran church of Fox Lake, in the affairs of which they take an active interest. Mr. Frank has not only gained



material success for himself but, as his work has been along lines which have made for progress in agricultural methods, it has been a factor in the general development of this section and his labors have been of unquestioned benefit to the community. His public spirit is widely recognized and all who know him esteem and honor him for his qualities of heart and mind.

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### JOHN CLIFFORD.

John Clifford, who for the past five years has been efficiently discharging the duties of clerk of the courts, is another of Dodge county's estimable native sons, who as a private citizen and public servant, has rendered the community worthy and commendable service. He was born in Emmet township on the 5th of November, 1873, and in both the paternal and maternal lines represents families who were actively identified with the early agricultural development of the county. His grandfather, John Clifford, was a native of Ireland, but he emigrated to America in early life, first settling in New York and later residing in Canada for eight years. He was one of the pioneer settlers of the town of Emmet, in what is now the sixth ward of Watertown. Later he took up a farm four miles north of Emmet. He was a man of energy and cooperated with his fellow settlers in forwarding the progress of the community by assisting in the development of the roads and the various other public utilities. While the family lived in Watertown, on September 20, 1844, was born his son Dominic, the father of our subject and one of the well known residents of Juneau. Upon attaining his manhood, he also directed his energies along agricultural lines, engaging in general farming and stock-raising until 1886, when he came to Juneau and engaged in the saloon business, which he conducted until 1891. In the latter year he withdrew from active business and has since been living retired. He chose for his wife Miss Ellen Kelly to whom he was married on the 25th of January, 1872. She is also a native of Dodge county, her birth having occurred on the 8th of November, 1850. To them have been born six children: Michael William and Dominic Francis, proprietors and editors of *The Independent*; John, our subject; Eugene A., city attorney of Juneau; Julia who is living at home; and a son, Edward, who died in infancy in 1881. Mr. Clifford, the father, is a progressive democrat and has always taken an active and helpful interest in local politics, and while residing in Emmet township held various offices, including that of chairman for four years. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Roman Catholic church.

John Clifford is in every way a true son of Dodge county, having passed his entire life here. He began his education in the district schools of his town and completed it in the Juneau high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1890. At the age of sixteen years, he became deputy clerk of courts and served five years, resigning to devote his entire time to newspaper work. Together with his brother, M. W., he engaged in the newspaper business in 1893, founding *The Independent* of Juneau. From the beginning they advocated bimetalism and the principles of democracy as enunciated by Jefferson and Bryan. Mr. Clifford gave his entire attention to this journal until December,

1906. He has always been a democrat in politics and was elected on that ticket to his present office in November of that year and about a month before assuming the duties of his office sold his interests to his brothers. He has not entirely severed his connection with local business interests, however, as he is president of The Home Investment Company. This is one of the largest real-estate concerns in the county and represents among its officials some of the leading business men. E. A. Clifford, a brother of the subject, is vice president; Paul A. Hemmy, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work, is secretary; A. A. Nowak is treasurer; and Arthur R. Hemmy, auditor. They deal exclusively in local properties, and as they are all known to be men of high business principles, have negotiated some of the leading real-estate transfers made during the period of their organization.

On the 8th of October, 1908, Mr. Clifford was united in marriage to Miss Emma M. Bohnert, who was born in Hustisford township and is a daughter of August and Henrietta (Bellack) Bohnert. The father was for many years engaged in farming here but is now living retired in Lowell. Of this marriage there have been born two sons: John Dominic, on September 30, 1909; and William Bryan, born November 2, 1912. Mr. Clifford is a member of the Roman Catholic church, and Mrs. Clifford of the Lutheran church.

He belongs to a number of fraternal and benevolent societies, and is venerable consul of Camp 1816 of M. W. A. of Juneau. Mr. Clifford has held numerous positions of honor and trust as follows: city clerk, Juneau, 1897-8; justice, 1899-1906; commissioner on public works, 1904-1910, and secretary thereof the first two years; secretary, democratic county committee, 1902-1906; democratic candidate for chief clerk of Wisconsin assembly, 1905; elected clerk of courts, fourth term, 1912. Mr. Clifford has proven to be a very capable official, fulfilling his duties with a rare sense of conscientious obligation, thus sustaining the confidence of his constituency and proving the wisdom of their choice.

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#### CLINTON E. SMITH.

In 1909 Clinton E. Smith moved into the village of Randolph after many years' close identification with business and agricultural interests of Randolph township. Here he has become well known and popular in the public life of the district and has evidenced in his discharge of the important affairs under his direction the ability which makes his public spirit effective. He was born September 26, 1850, in Clinton, Massachusetts, a son of Alonzo E. and Sarah (Warner) Smith. His father was for many years prominent in the hotel and restaurant business in various parts of Wisconsin. He was born September 25, 1820, in Cabot, Vermont, and came to this state in 1855, settling in Waupaca, where he conducted a hotel for a number of years. In 1866 he moved to Beaver Dam and there bought the Clark House from Mrs. Haight, who was then its owner, and this enterprise he conducted until about 1871, when he turned over the management to his son, Clinton, and moved to Minnesota Junction and purchased the Minnesota Junction Eating House. He retained his identification with this concern for two or three years and then became connected with a

similar enterprise in Elroy, Wisconsin. In the meantime, in 1874, he traded the Clark House to Mr. Dunham, receiving in exchange a farm near Randolph in Columbia county. Having about this time become proprietor of the Stevens House in Beaver Dam, he also exchanged this with Mr. Dunham for an additional forty acres of land near Randolph. Upon these tracts he made all the improvements, erecting substantial buildings and installing labor-saving machinery. In Elroy, Alonzo E. Smith remained about five years and from there removed to the village of Randolph, where he remained for one year, and then again became connected with hotel keeping, buying the Corning House in Portage. After two years' successful conduct of this enterprise he sold the hotel to Mr. Fosgate and came to his farm near Randolph, upon which he remained for one year. At the end of that time he moved to Markesan and engaged in the general merchandise business for three or four years. Selling out this enterprise eventually, he retired from active life and moved to Randolph, where he resided until his death in 1900. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Sarah Warner and she also was a native of Cabot, Vermont. Six children were born to their union, of whom two died in infancy and are buried in Vermont. Edna, whose birth occurred August 12, 1853, married in 1881 Dwight Illsley. She died in June, 1888, and is buried in Randolph, where she had lived since her marriage. Edwin W. was born in Waupaca, Wisconsin, in 1863. He lived in Randolph township until his death in May, 1912, and is buried in Randolph. Fred, twin to Edwin, died at the age of one year and is buried in Waupaca. Clinton E., our subject, completes the family. The mother of our subject died in 1895 and is buried beside her husband.

Clinton E. Smith was only five years of age when his parents came to Wisconsin. He began his education in the public schools of Waupaca and also attended school in the various other parts of the state in which his father located. In 1871 he assumed management of the Clark House in the interest of his father and conducted this enterprise until 1873, when he was elected city treasurer of Beaver Dam. In this office he discharged his duties ably and conscientiously and won widespread approval. From Beaver Dam he went to Elroy, Wisconsin, and entered the Railroad Eating House, with his father. Finally, however, he moved to his father's farm near Randolph and became connected with the agricultural life of the section, giving his entire attention to the improvement and development of the land. Upon this property he lived until 1909 and then moved into the village of Randolph, where he has since resided. He has become interested and prominent in industrial circles in connection with the canning business, being president of the Randolph and Bonnie Mead canning factories.

Mr. Smith married, on November 2, 1871, Miss Laura Armstrong, a daughter of A. H. Armstrong, of Trenton township, who was for some time widely known in that section, but who later moved to Randolph and made his home with his daughter until his death in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Edna, who was born in Trenton township, July 18, 1873, and who married Fred Martin, of Hartford; and Jessie, who was born in October, 1875, in Elroy and who married L. W. Blatchley, with whom she resides on her father's farm.

Mr. Smith is well known in the Masonic order, being a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar since 1871. In his political views he is a democrat. In 1890 he was elected to the legislature and did much constructive work while in

office, standing steadily for right and progress and supporting only those movements which had for their object the general growth and advancement. Since coming to Randolph he has had the leisure to devote himself more steadily to local public affairs and he has served his fellow citizens ably in many capacities. He is president of the Dodge County Fair Association, and was a member of the county board of Columbia county. He has been chairman of the town of Randolph several times, his conscientious administration winning him several reelections. As a public official no breath of suspicion has ever been connected with his name and no trust reposed in him has he ever neglected or betrayed.

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### JOHN MOLTHEN.

John Molthen, who was born June 26, 1870, in Houghton county, Michigan, makes his home on two hundred and eighty acres on section 14, Trenton township, which he rents. His industry and energy have found substantial reward in a most gratifying degree of prosperity. He has now followed agricultural pursuits along progressive and modern lines for a number of years in this township and notable success has attended his efforts. His parents, Frederick and Madaline (Enderlie) Molthen, were natives of Germany and Switzerland, respectively, whence they emigrated to the United States, locating in Michigan, where they were married. There the father was engaged in mining until 1876, when he came to Wisconsin and bought a farm in Trenton township, this county, on which he made his home until 1904. He had been successful in his undertakings and had accumulated a competence which permitted him to retire, and in that year he removed to Beaver Dam, where he passed away on May 21, 1907. The mother survived only a few years, dying June 23, 1910. The father was eighty-two years of age and the mother seventy-three at the time of their deaths, and both are buried in Oakwood cemetery at Beaver Dam.

John Molthen was the seventh of eight children. He was reared at home and received his early education in the district schools near his father's farm and subsequently assisted his father in the work on the home place, gaining valuable knowledge of the details of agriculture. He remained under the parental roof until he was married in 1891. Mr. Molthen engages in general farming and pays special attention to stock-raising. He has a herd of thirty-one cows and sells his milk to the cheese factories. He specializes in high-grade Holstein and Durham cattle. He also raises pure-bred Poland China hogs and markets annually about fifty to seventy-five. All the hay and grain of his farm is used for stock feeding, but the barley which he raises he sells in the market.

Mr. Molthen was united in marriage, on January 11, 1891, to Miss Manie Venie, a daughter of Julius and Eugenia (Heppe) Venie, natives of Switzerland and New York state respectively. The parents were married in Wisconsin and afterward removed to Missouri, where they resided for one year, when they returned to Wisconsin and lived on the homestead which the father acquired in Calamus township until 1898. In that year they removed to Reeseville, Wisconsin, where they made their home until 1906, when they went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they now make their home. The father has reached the age

of sixty-eight and the mother is in her sixtieth year. Mrs. Molthen was the third of five children, born February 16, 1874. To Mr. and Mrs. Molthen have been born three children: Erwin G., born June 12, 1893; Lester J., born March 2, 1895; and Ethel M., born October 6, 1901. All of the children are yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Molthen takes a laudable interest in the public life of the community in which he lives but he has never aspired to public office. His affiliations are with the republican party but in local issues he votes irrespective of party lines, following his own judgment as to whom to support for office. Mr. and Mrs. Molthen are well and favorably known in the community in which they have made their home for many years and they are accorded the esteem of a large circle of friends. The success he has attained along agricultural lines thus far is but a promise of what the future holds in store for him.

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#### FRED T. BUTTERBRODT.

Fred T. Butterbrodt is a native of the fatherland and a man who brings German industry and thrift to his labors as an agriculturist. He is residing on section 19, Burnett township, where he is active in the operation of one hundred and seventy-nine acres of excellent land. He was born on July 23, 1862, and is a son of August and Minnie (Kuehn) Butterbrodt, who came from Germany to America in 1864 and settled in Dodge county in Beaver Dam.

Mr. Butterbrodt is third in a family of ten children. He was educated in the public schools of Dodge county and remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age. At that time he purchased land in Oak Grove township, buying at that time eighty-five acres which he cultivated, developed and improved for over twenty years. During the time he made his farm one of the most productive in the district and developed his holdings along systematic lines. In 1908 he invested in one hundred and seventy-nine acres in Burnett and Trenton townships and upon this land he is living at the present time. His farm is a model for other agricultural properties in the section. His entire holdings are fenced with barb and woven wire and two acres are fenced hog-tight. There was a barn, thirty-four feet by one hundred and twenty-four, upon the land when he purchased it, and this he is now using. He has built a beautiful ten-room home equipped with all modern conveniences, which he occupied in the fall of 1911. A drilled well gives him an adequate water supply for all purposes. He plants his fields in barley and other grains and raises a large quantity of corn for feeding his full-blooded Berkshire hogs. He is also interested in the breeding and raising of Percheron horses and graded Holstein cattle. He is one of the expert stock-raisers in the section in which he resides and he keeps his cows mostly for dairy purposes, but also sells in the Wisconsin markets and has added materially to his income in this way. He is a stockholder in the Champion Dairy Cheese factory of Burnett and is an active factor in the development of Dodge county.

Mr. Butterbrodt was married in Beaver Dam, March 14, 1888, to Miss Cora Zepp, a daughter of Jacob and Maggie (Frey) Zepp, residents of Lowell, Wis-

consin. Mrs. Butterbrodt was fourth in a family of nine children and her birth occurred in Lowell, April 9, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Butterbrodt are the parents of four children, Alma, Elizabeth, Irvin and Ada, all of whom are at home. The family are regular attendants at the German Lutheran church of Beaver Dam.

Mr. Butterbrodt votes the democratic ticket, being a firm believer in the principles and policies which that party advocates but he is not otherwise active in political affairs and never seeks public office. His labors have been productive of results because his methods are consistently up-to-date, and practical and he has helped to develop farming along scientifically progressive lines.

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#### GEORGE W. SMITH.

One of the most attractive and best improved properties of Burnett township is Pleasant View Stock Farm, which comprises two hundred and ninety-three acres of sections 8 and 9 and is the property of George W. Smith, one of the substantial citizens and capable business men of that community. He is one of Dodge county's excellent native sons, his birth having occurred in this township on the 22d of February, 1859. The parents, Eldredge and Susan (Lukens) Smith, were natives respectively of the states of New York and Pennsylvania, and of Irish and German extraction. The grandfather's name was Trumbull Smith and he was one of triplets. George Washington happened to pass through the locality where the family home was located and especially rode over to see the boys. He asked permission to christen them and gave them the names of George—after himself—and Trumbull and Green. The father, Eldredge Smith, came to Wisconsin in 1842 with his wife, whose maiden name was Lavina Cooper. They came directly to Dodge county, first settling in the vicinity of Beaver Dam, and here his wife passed away. From there he later removed to Rolling Prairie, this township, and purchased two hundred and twenty acres of raw land. Having resolved to make it his home, he set about developing his farm with a diligence which enabled him to transform it into one of the attractive and valuable properties of the community. Mr. Smith had in the meantime married the mother of our subject and here both parents passed the remainder of their lives, the father's death occurring in 1904, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years, while the mother, who died in the spring of 1894, was sixty-five at the time of her demise. They were laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery at Beaver Dam. To them were born three children, our subject being the second in order of birth, and to Mr. Smith and his first wife were born three sons.

The first twenty-one years in the life of George W. Smith were passed on the parental homestead, in very much the same manner as that of other farmer lads. He was educated in the district schools, and while engaged in the mastery of the common branches was qualifying himself for the career of an agriculturist by assisting his father with the tilling of the fields and caring of the crops. Soon after attaining his majority he left home and began farming for himself as a renter. Two years later he removed to his present place of residence, which he leased for four years and then purchased it. His entire tract is fenced with

barbed wire, fifteen acres of it hog tight. He is practical and progressive in his methods, as is readily evidenced by the general appearance and condition of his place. A hundred and eighty acres of the two hundred and fifty he has under cultivation have been tilled, twelve carloads of tiling having been required for the purpose, and where necessary the remainder is ditched. His land is largely planted to such cereals as can be used in the feeding of stock, as in connection with diversified farming he engages in dairying and stock-raising. He now has sixty head of cattle, all pure-bred Shorthorns, and he is also breeding Poland China hogs and Percheron horses. Mr. Smith takes great pride in his farm and each year marks a noticeable improvement in the place. In 1904, he built a substantial ten-room house, equipped with a hot air heating plant and a water system with tank pressure. The barn, which is forty-five by seventy-six feet, was on the place when he came, but it has since been provided with a cement floor and patent stanchions. There are ample sheds and outbuildings about the premises for the shelter of the stock and grain and his equipment comprises everything essential to his business.

In 1879, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Addie Hyland, a daughter of George and Margaret (Sanborn) Hyland, the father a native of Vermont and the mother of New Hampshire. The mother had been previously married and was the widow of Amasa Hyland, who founded Hyland Prairie, where he owned four hundred and forty acres of land. Mrs. Hyland, who passed away in 1862, at the age of thirty-seven years, was the mother of five children, one of whom was born of her first marriage. Mrs. Smith, who is the youngest of the family, was born on April 10, 1860. The father long survived the mother, his death occurring in 1902, at the age of seventy-six. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born four children: Roy L., a resident of Beaver Dam, who is married and has four children; Ray St. Elmo, who is residing at home; Leo G., born March 30, 1898; and George W. Jr., who was born February 22, 1900.

The parents are active workers in the Free Baptist church of Burnett, of which Mr. Smith is one of the deacons. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order. His political support he accords to such men and measures as he deems best adapted to subserve the interest of the people, irrespective of party. He is public-spirited in matters of citizenship and is interested in all local affairs, particularly those pertaining to education, having been clerk of the school board for twenty-seven years, while for two he was chairman of the township. Diligent and enterprising, Mr. Smith stands for progress in his community, where he is held in high respect by reason of his excellent personal qualities and his honorable methods of conducting his business transactions.

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#### REV. HENRY A. VELTE.

Rev. Henry A. Velte, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church at Huberville, is a fine example of an earnest and sincere clergyman. Since his ordination to the priesthood in 1906 he has been a factor in the spreading of Catholic doctrines in Wisconsin, achieving his success by useful, valuable and practical work. He was born in Milwaukee, July 18, 1881, a son of John and Regina

(Multhauf) Velte. The father was born in Germany in 1845 and came to America when he was eighteen years of age, settling in Milwaukee, where he was in the employ of the Falk Company. He died in 1889. His wife was a native of Oak Creek, born in 1851. She married the father of our subject in 1871, and passed away in Milwaukee in 1892. Both are buried in Calvary cemetery. They became the parents of three children: Edwin, who died in infancy and who is buried in New Coeln, Wisconsin, Johanna, whose birth occurred in Milwaukee, and who is acting as housekeeper for her brother; and Henry A., the subject of this sketch.

Father Velte received his primary education in the parochial schools of Milwaukee and pursued his philosophical studies at St. Johns University, Collegeville, Minnesota. He was prepared for the priesthood in St. Francis' Seminary near Milwaukee. His ordination occurred when he was twenty-five years of age and he came immediately to Beaver Dam, where he was assistant to Father Zimmer. He afterward served under Father Muenzer, coming to Huberville on the 16th of February, 1911. Here he took charge of St. Mary's church and has since been active in its management. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and well known in the affairs of that organization. For six years he has labored steadily for the advancement of religion and for its implanting in the hearts of his people, combining a firm faith and upright principles with the administrative ability to make his beliefs effective, and has made his work convincing by personally adhering to the principles which he professes.

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#### JULIUS VOIGT.

Julius Voigt resides upon twenty-five acres of land on section 29, Lebanon township, and gives his attention to general farming and to working at the mason's trade. He was born in Germany, April 29, 1863, a son of August and Minnie (Bliese) Voigt, who came to America in June, 1869, and settled in Emmet township upon a farm. Some years later they moved to Lebanon township, where the father purchased sixteen acres of land which he improved and upon which he resided for twenty years. At the end of that time he disposed of the property and bought ninety acres on section 19, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred in 1902, when he was sixty-nine years of age. His wife died in the spring of 1909, when she was seventy-four years old. Both are buried in Lebanon cemetery.

Julius Voigt is the eldest in a family of three children. His brother, John, and his sister, Martha, make their home with him upon his farm in Lebanon township. He was educated in the district schools and remained at home until after his mother's death. In the spring of 1909 he and his family together with his brother and sister moved upon the property upon which they now reside, renting out the homestead. Mr. Voigt is a mason by trade and works occasionally at this occupation, gaining success in both lines by reason of his industry and well directed energy.

In 1900 Mr. Voigt was united in marriage to Miss Eva Pankow, a daughter of Rev. Erdman Pankow, who was for many years pastor of the Lutheran church



in Lebanon township. He died in 1907, when he was eighty-eight years of age. His wife makes her home with her daughter in Marshfield. Mrs. Voigt is the fifth in a family of eight children and was born March 26, 1870. She and her husband have four daughters, Agnes, Dorothy, Juliana and Emma. The family are members of the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran church.

Mr. Voigt is a democrat and active in political affairs, serving at the present time as clerk of the township. He acted for one year as township assessor and is now clerk of the school board, bringing to the more public aspects of his life the same energy and conscientiousness which have made his business career successful.

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#### CHARLES F. GREBEL.

One of the most active, successful and progressive farmers of Westford township is Charles F. Grebel, who owns two hundred and ten acres of fine land on section 6, highly improved and developed along systematic and practical lines. He was born in Chester, Wisconsin, November 10, 1866, and is a son of Herman and Dorothy (Hanf) Grebel, natives of Germany. His father came to America at the age of fourteen and settled with his parents on a farm near Milwaukee. They moved from this property to one in Chester township and there the father of our subject resided until his death in 1893. He is buried in Oakwood cemetery in Beaver Dam. The mother of our subject also came to America when she was a child. At the age of eight she settled in Milwaukee, where her father conducted a profitable blacksmith shop for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grebel had ten children. August married Frances Young, who died in 1892 and is buried in Oakwood cemetery at Beaver Dam. Of this union were born five children. He later wedded Miss Ida Zimmermann, a daughter of F. F. Zimmermann, of Waupun. Hannah passed away at the age of four and is buried in Beaver Dam. Lena married Jacob Martin, of Beaver Dam, who died in 1911 and is buried in Oakwood cemetery. Mrs. Martin makes her home in Beaver Dam with her six children. Martha wedded Jacob Boose and lived in Waupun until her death, January 1, 1905. She and her husband had two sons and two daughters. Edward married Mary Davidson, of Waupun, and now makes his home in Green Bay. He has three children. Annie married Daniel Boose, who died in De Smet, South Dakota. She resides in Beaver Dam with her two children. John was born in 1864. He married Anna Rauber and they reside in Waupun with their two daughters. Hannah was born in 1868 and resides in Beaver Dam. Grace was born in 1871. She married Charles Anspach, of Randolph. The youngest son born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grebel is Charles, of this review.

The last named has always been connected with agricultural interests in Wisconsin. As a boy he worked upon his father's farm near Atwater and finally secured possession of it by purchase. He operated and managed it until 1901, when he disposed of his holdings in that section and bought two hundred and ten acres of land on section 6, Westford township, which he has cultivated since that time. By steadily adhering to progressive methods he had gained a

success in eleven years which places him among the representative and substantial farmers of this district.

Mr. Grebel married, on February 22, 1898, Miss Mattie D. Madigan, a daughter of John and Helen Madigan, of Trenton, Wisconsin. They became the parents of five children. Mary Florence was born June 19, 1900, and died on the 8th of March, 1907. She is buried in Trenton cemetery. Charles Arthur was born February 10, 1903. He died on the 28th of March, 1906, and is also buried in Trenton cemetery. Helen Angela was born October 28, 1905, and lives at home. John David was born June 23, 1907, and is also with his parents. The youngest child born to Mr. and Mrs. Grebel is Paul Grant, whose birth occurred October 21, 1911.

Mr. Grebel and his wife are members of the Equitable Fraternal Union. Politically he gives his allegiance to the democratic party but has never desired office, preferring to do service to the public by leading a worthy life. He is interested in the welfare of his section and during the years of his residence has won for himself a creditable position as a valued citizen and a progressive farmer.

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#### JOHN B. BECKER.

Political and business circles of Juneau have profited by the activities of John B. Becker, who has given his attention for the past twenty-four years to the promotion of various important local enterprises and has also become a prominent figure in public affairs. He was born in Herman township, September 2, 1864, a son of John Becker, a native of Germany. His father came to Wisconsin when this state was still a territory and located in what is now Rubicon township. Here he followed the blacksmith's trade which he had learned in his youth and was also identified with the grain business. For some time he conducted a saloon and eventually took up farming, dying upon his property in Rubicon township, April 14, 1898. His wife passed away four years later.

John B. Becker attended the district schools of Rubicon township and when he laid aside his books learned the blacksmith's trade. When he was twenty-four years of age he came to Juneau and conducted a blacksmith shop for one year, following which he was elected under-sheriff and then deputy-sheriff, serving in each capacity for two years. He is now the representative in Juneau for the Young Brewing Company of Milwaukee and also furnishes the ice used in the village. He is a stockholder in the Standard Cigar Company and a director in the Hartford Exchange Bank. He is interested in important business enterprises and has gained a position of prominence and importance in Juneau.

On November 22, 1888, Mr. Becker was united in marriage to Miss Kathlena Hauser, who died July 29, 1904. On October 26, of the following year, he wedded Miss Matilda Nies, of Milwaukee. He has three children: Eugene, who is associated with his father in the conduct of his business; Mary, who resides at home; and Alphonso, a student in St. Mary's Academy.

Mr. Becker gives his allegiance to the democratic party and for many years has been prominent in local affairs. For six years he has been justice of the peace, and is now serving in that capacity. In 1893 he served as sergeant-at-arms for the Wisconsin state democratic convention and was for two years under-sheriff of Dodge county and for a similar period of time deputy-sheriff. For twelve years he was a member of the city council and was in all the aspects of his public life faithful to the trust reposed in him, progressive in the standards which he advocated, and actuated in all the details of his public service by the same conscientiousness and sense of responsibility which have made him prosperous and successful in his business life.

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### JOHN FROEMMING.

John Froemming is living retired at No. 238 North avenue, Watertown, having spent all his active life in America in general farming, until his retirement in 1891. He was born in Germany, May 29, 1841, a son of David and Mena (Pagel) Froemming, natives of the fatherland, who came to America in 1843. Landing in New York, they pushed westward to Milwaukee by rail and then traveled with ox teams to Lebanon, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Both are buried in the Lebanon cemetery.

John Froemming is the youngest in a family of eight children. He received his education in the public schools of Lebanon and remained at home until he was thirty years of age. At that time his father gave him one hundred and sixty acres, to which he later added eighty acres, and this property he developed and improved for twelve years. Eventually, however, he sold the portion which he had purchased and lived upon the original tract, which is located on section 32, Lebanon township. Upon this he carried on general farming and by following the most progressive and modern methods made his enterprise one of the model farms of this section of the state. In 1891, however, he retired from active life and moved to Watertown, where he bought a home in the midst of three acres of land and here he has since resided.

On February 15, 1871, Mr. Froemming was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Macheel, a daughter of John D. and Johanna (Radolp) Macheel, natives of Germany, who came to America in early life and settled at Mayville, where both passed away. Mrs. Froemming is the fourth in a family of seven children and was born on her father's farm near Mayville, November 5, 1857. She and her husband are the parents of ten children: George, who is a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and who married Miss Julia Ohlson, by whom he has one child; Emma, who is the wife of Edward Schoen, of Fort Atkinson, by whom she has five children; Hulda, who married William Schilling, of Denver, Colorado, by whom she has three children; Lena, who is the wife of William Marquart, of Watertown, Wisconsin, by whom she has one child; Otto, who resides in Watertown; Edward, who resides in Lebanon and who married Sophia Kietz, by whom he has one child; Theodore, who makes his home in Lebanon; Alma, who is the wife of Leonard Oestreich, of Water-

town; Francis and Bert, both of whom reside at home. The family belong to the German Lutheran church.

Mr. Froehning always votes the democratic ticket but has never sought public office. He has invested the comfortable fortune which he has acquired in city property in Watertown and also owns his fine one hundred and sixty acre farm. He is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of this district and takes an intelligent interest in local affairs. His active career was useful and honorable and his retirement has been earned by industry and diligence in the past.

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#### FREDERICK A. KIENOW.

The energies of Frederick A. Kienow have always been devoted to agricultural pursuits in which he has met with a goodly measure of success, being owner of a valuable farm of a hundred and ninety-seven acres located on section 8, Burnett township. His entire life has been passed in the vicinity where he now resides, his birth having occurred in this township on the 10th of August, 1873. He is the eldest of the five children born of the marriage of Carl and Augusta Kienow, who were born and reared in Germany. In early life both came to America, their destination being Rolling Prairie, where they located in 1871, and were married. There the father established a home and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred on April 6, 1904. The mother is still living at the age of sixty-two years.

The youth of Frederick A. Kienow was very similar to that of the average lad who is born and reared in a pioneer community. He was early made to feel the duties and responsibilities of life by being assigned regular tasks about the home place, having begun to assist his father about the work of the fields and care of the stock while still in his boyhood. He always remained with his parents, and after his marriage he and his father leased a place in Chester, which they operated on a cooperative plan for six years. At the expiration of that time, Mr. Kienow purchased his present property, and has ever since been devoting himself to its further improvement with good results. A hundred acres of his holding is under the plow, a large portion of it being planted to barley. The latter he sells and he also markets large quantities of sugar beets and potatoes, but such other cereals as he raises and his hay he uses in feeding. He also engages in dairying and stock-raising, making a specialty of Percheron horses and Chester Whites hogs, while his cattle, which are of a mixed breed are now being bred to Holsteins. Mr. Kienow's place is well improved and kept up. He has two barns, one, forty by sixty-five feet and the other thirty by forty, which were on the place when he bought it. The residence, however, he remodeled in 1906 and during the period of his ownership he has made various other changes, all of which have added to the general appearance and value of the property. Eighty acres of his tract is detached and this he has fenced with barbed wire, two acres of it being hog tight. His farm is provided with excellent water, which is supplied from drilled wells.

Mr. Kienow was married in the fall of 1896 to Miss Eda Pegelow, a daugh-

ter of William Pegelow of this county, and to them have been born the following children: Carl, who died in infancy; and Reuben, Frederick, Flora and Hattie.

The family attend the First Lutheran church of Beaver Dam, in which the parents hold membership. Mr. Kienow takes an active interest in local politics, giving his support to the democratic party. He has served with efficiency in various township offices, having been assessor for three years, pathmaster for four, and clerk of the school board for two. In the discharge of his official duties he manifests the sound judgment, prompt action and decisive, capable methods, which characterize him in the development of his private interests.

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#### HUGH T. ROBERTS.

Hugh T. Roberts has for more than thirty-five years been identified with the agricultural interests of Calamus township, where he owns two hundred acres of land, located on section 30. His birth occurred in Wales, in 1839. His parents, Thomas and Katherine (Jones) Roberts, passed their entire lives in the north of Wales, where they reared their family. In order of birth those beside our subject are as follows: Sattrick, who was born, reared and married in Wales, where he passed away in 1910; William, who died in the old country in 1907; Robert, who is married and resides in Wales; Owen, who has been twice married, his first union being with a Miss Williams, while for his second wife he chose Miss Ellen Jones, from the north of Wales, where they now reside; Edward, who married Ann Roberts and is residing near Randolph, Wisconsin; Thomas, who married Ellen Thomas and resides in Wales; Margaret, who became the wife of Henry Williams, and passed away in Wales; Catherine, the wife of John Roberts, of Liverpool, England; Elizabeth, the wife of John Jones, of Wales; and two who died in infancy. Edward and Hugh T. Roberts are the only members of their family who have come to America, with the exception of their brother Owen, who made them a visit in the summer of 1912.

The first twenty-six years in the life of Hugh T. Roberts were passed in the land of his nativity. Being irresistibly drawn to America by the wonderful tales he had heard regarding the opportunities here afforded enterprising young men, in 1865 he took passage for the United States, with Wisconsin as his destination. He first located at Columbus, this state, where he worked for John Thomas for a time, but later entered the employ of Dr. Hughes. He subsequently began farming for himself on a place formerly owned by R. D. Jones. Thrifty habits and careful expenditures enabled him to acquire enough money to become a property owner and he invested in some land in Calamus township. He located on this place in 1875, but later removed to the place now owned by his son. He has extensively improved both properties during the period of his ownership, having in 1901 erected all of the buildings on the place where he now lives. His fields have been brought into a high state of productivity, and in connection with their cultivation he engages in raising graded cattle. He has also dealt rather extensively in horses, raising the Norman, Clyde and Percheron

breeds. His land has always been largely planted to grain, but of recent years he has raised large quantities of peas for the canning factory.

Mr. Roberts was married in 1869 to Miss Margaret Jones, a resident of Calamus township, and a daughter of Hugh Jones, of Wales. She came to this country at the age of nineteen years with a brother, who located in Columbus, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have been born fourteen children, in the following order: Katherine, who was born in 1870, is the wife of R. H. Williams, of Fox Lake, Wisconsin. Margaret Ellen, who was born in 1872, became the wife of William Davis, and passed away in Randolph, this state, in 1900. Mary, who was born in 1874, is the widow of D. W. Richards, who died in January, 1912, at Calamus, Wisconsin, and was buried in Bethel cemetery, at Elba, this state. Thomas, of Calamus, was born in 1875, and married Anna Hughes of Oshkosh. Lizzie, who was born in 1877, died in 1893 and is buried in Bethel cemetery. Hugh Elias, a resident of Calamus, was born in 1878 and married Margaret Jane Evans. Edward, a resident of Whittier, California, was born in 1880, and married Catherine Williams. Ann Jane, who was born in 1882, is the wife of Spencer Griffiths of Emporia, Kansas. William C., of Columbus, Wisconsin, was born in 1884 and married Margaret A. Jones. Hannah, who was born in 1886; John J., whose birth occurred in 1889; Henry, whose natal year was 1893; and Elizabeth, who was born in 1896, are all living at home. Richard, the youngest of the family, was born in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are also rearing their grandson, Hugh W. Davis, the son of their second daughter, Margaret Ellen. He was born in 1900 and has made his home with his grandparents ever since the death of his mother.

In matters of religious faith the family are Methodists and belong to the Calvinistic church of that denomination. For many years Mr. Roberts applied himself with unremitting energy to the development of his farm, but owing to his advanced age he has largely withdrawn from active work but still directs the operation of his homestead. He is one of the estimable citizens of Calamus township where both he and his family are held in high regard.

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#### WILLIAM PRITCHARD.

While formerly identified with mercantile interests in Randolph, William Pritchard is now engaged in the real-estate business and is thoroughly informed concerning property values and the opportunity for judicious and profitable investment. He was born in the town of Manchester, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, on the 14th of January, 1871. His father, Henry Pritchard, a native of Wales, was brought to America by his parents when eight years of age. The family home was established in the town of Manchester, Green Lake county, upon a farm and there Henry Pritchard was reared. Having arrived at mature years he married Sarah Roberts, a native of Washington county. They began their domestic life in the town of Manchester but afterward removed to a farm in Columbia county, Wisconsin, where Mr. Pritchard carried on general agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death in April, 1892. His remains were brought back to Manchester for interment.

His widow now lives in Randolph. They were the parents of two children, the daughter being Mary Ann, who was born October 1, 1869, and is the wife of the Rev. J. R. Johns, now of Columbus, Ohio, who for fourteen years was pastor of the Welsh church in Randolph.

No event of especial importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for William Pritchard in his boyhood and youth. He worked in the fields through the summer months and when school was in session attended the district school of the neighborhood. Moving to Randolph in October, 1892, he engaged in the hardware business.

On the 15th of July, 1899, he wedded Ellen Owen, a daughter of W. E. and Ann Jane Owen, of Randolph, Wisconsin, where Mrs. Pritchard was born in June, 1881. Her father is a prominent builder and contractor and has been chorister of the choir of the Welsh church at Randolph for over thirty-five years.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard took up their abode in Randolph, where he continued in the hardware business until 1901, when he disposed of his interests in that line of trade and opened a real-estate office. This he has since conducted and has handled many property transfers. He is thoroughly conversant with the real estate upon the market and its valuation and is thus competent to aid a prospective seller or purchaser. He belongs to the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church and to the Masonic fraternity—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the high principles which govern his conduct.

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#### VAN WYCK ANTHONY

Van Wyck Anthony, whose home in Hustisford, known as Willow Bank, is one of the most picturesque in the county, if not in the state, is now spending the evening of life in honorable retirement and in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. His birth occurred at Fishkill, New York, on the 24th of April, 1839, his parents being Nicholas and Maria (Knapp) Anthony. The father was born at Fishkill in 1794, while the mother's birth occurred at Phillips-town in the year 1800. Nicholas Anthony followed farming throughout his entire business career and always remained in the east. He did valiant service as a soldier in the War of 1812. He died in December, 1863, having for but one month survived his wife, who passed away in November of that year. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Anthony were born seven children, as follows: John, whose demise occurred in 1868; David, who passed away at the age of twenty-one years; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Henry H. Hustis, an attorney of Fishkill on the Hudson, New York, where she still makes her home; William, an editor residing at Fishkill on the Hudson; Edward, who is deceased; Van Wyck, of this review; and Nicholas, who is a retired resident of Fishkill on the Hudson.

Van Wyck Anthony obtained his early education in the schools of Fishkill, New York, and completed his studies by graduation at Claverack, that state. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age and then

embarked in the coal business at Fishkill, conducting an enterprise of that character for about five years. On the expiration of that period he returned to the homestead farm, remaining thereon until 1885, when he came to Wisconsin. After a short time spent in Milwaukee, he located in Hustisford and has here resided continuously since. He has retired from active business and is spending the evening of life in well earned ease.

On the 21st of July, 1885, Mr. Anthony was united in marriage to Miss Florence L. Hustis, who was born in Milwaukee, on the 10th of May, 1846, her parents being John and Laura Ann (Ludington) Hustis. Mr. Anthony is a republican in politics but his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. During the period of the Civil war he joined the Union League. His residence stands on the point of land which was formerly known as Wausharika, or the City of the Foxes. He has lived in Dodge county for more than a quarter of a century and enjoys the friendship and regard of all who know him.

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#### HON. PAUL O. HUSTING.

Hon Paul O. Husting, lawyer and law-maker, has twice represented his district in the state senate and in the work of the courts has been prominent since an early period in his professional career. While advancement at the bar is proverbially slow he rapidly worked his way upward, finding correct solution for the many intricate legal problems and presenting his causes in the courts with clearness and force. He was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, April 25, 1866, and is a son of John P. Husting, who was a native of Luxemburg, Germany, whence he came to the new world in 1856, making Fond du Lac his destination. He is a watchmaker and jeweler by trade and has followed that business in Fond du Lac from 1857 until 1876, when he came to Mayville, where he again engaged in the same business. He has since been numbered among the representative merchants of the town and is still active in commercial circles, although in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He wedded Mary Juneau, a daughter of Solomon Juneau, who was born near Montreal, Canada, and married Josette Viau. Solomon Juneau became one of the early residents of Dodge county and was the founder of Theresa, which was named after his oldest daughter, while Juneau, the county seat, was named in honor of Paul Juneau, an uncle of Mr. Husting. It was about 1852 or 1853 that Solomon Juneau took up his abode at Theresa. He was a trader and was connected with various business enterprises in Milwaukee. During the early period of his residence at Milwaukee he was agent for John Jacob Astor. In the family of John P. and Mary (Juneau) Husting there are eight children: Otto C., who is married and is engaged in the insurance business at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; Paul O.; Max R., who is engaged in the newspaper business in Fargo, North Dakota, and is married and has one child; Isabella J., the wife of Judge C. W. Lamoreaux, county judge of Dodge county, by whom she has two children; Leo F., agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad at Kaukama, Wisconsin, who is married and has five children; Bonduel A., district attorney at Fond du Lac, who is married and has two children; Gustav B., who is an attorney of Mayville and is married and has two children; and Berthold J., of Fond du Lac, who is married and has two children.



Paul O. Hustung was a pupil in the German and English Academy of Fond du Lac to his tenth year and of the public schools between the ages of ten and sixteen years and later resumed his studies as a student in the Wisconsin University. He started out in the business world as clerk in a general store in Mayville and was thus employed for five years. He was also at one time assistant postmaster of the town and later was connected with the railway mail service, running between Minneapolis and Chicago. In January, 1895, he took up the study of law and spent one year in law school at Madison. In December, 1895, he passed the state bar examination and then returned to Mayville, where he entered into partnership with C. W. Lamoreaux, in 1897, with whom he remained until the latter was elected county judge in April, 1911. The firm was then dissolved and Mr. Hustung was joined by his brother under the firm style of Hustung & Brother. He is an able and distinguished lawyer who has been a close student of his profession and has comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence. He has ever prepared his cases with great thoroughness and care, and clearness and perspicuity mark their presentation. For two terms of two years each he has served as district attorney of Dodge county and in 1906 he was elected to the state senate where he made a record so creditable that he was reelected and is now serving his second term. He is a believer in democratic principles and as a member of that party was elected to the upper house of the general assembly. He keeps well informed upon those questions which are to the statesman and the man of affairs of greatest import and his indorsement of any vital measure is based upon no superficial understanding of the question, but rests upon a deep investigation of all that it involves. The same analytical element is strongly manifest in his professional career and he is making continuous advancement in the calling where success depends entirely upon individual effort, merit and ability.

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#### JAMES EDWARD BARSTOW.

James Edward Barstow is the owner of a valuable farm in Dodge county, comprising an excellent tract of cultivated land situated on section 18, Westford township. He was born in Courtland, Columbia county, Wisconsin, September 24, 1866. His father, George Barstow, is a native of Yorkshire, England, born in Bradford, February 6, 1828. He came to America in 1849, landing in Boston, Massachusetts, July 8 of that year, after a five weeks' ocean voyage. From Boston he went to Lowell where he earned his first dollar on the present site of the Hood's Sarsaparilla factory. Here he remained for one year until he had earned enough money to pay his expenses to New York, where he remained for several months, and then came to Wisconsin, settling in Westford. Afterward he purchased a farm in Courtland township, Columbia county, which he improved and operated for a number of years. On September 4, 1864, he enlisted in Company C, First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, and served under General Thomas in the Army of the Cumberland. He was mustered out with honorable discharge June 16, 1865, at Knoxville, Tennessee, and was paid off at Louisville, Kentucky. He returned immedi-

ately to his Wisconsin farm and operated it successfully until his retirement. After this for some time he lived in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio, but eventually left that institution and returning to Wisconsin made his home with his sons in Westford where he now resides.

George Barstow, Sr., was twice married. On September 4, 1865, he wedded Miss Harriett Stair, a daughter of Vine Stair of Otsego, Columbia county, and after their marriage they settled on a farm six miles south of Randolph, Wisconsin. In 1868 the father of our subject sold this property and moved to Iowa, where he purchased land near Fayette; and there he resided for ten years. Upon this property his wife met with an accident which caused her death. While driving a reaper she fell in front of the sickle which passed over her, cutting off one arm and one leg. She died two hours afterward and is buried in Iowa. Four children were born to this marriage, those beside our subject being: George Jr., whose birth occurred May 21, 1868, and who resides in Hampden township, Columbia county; Albert, who was born July 21, 1870, and who married Miss Grace Phillips, a daughter of Joseph Phillips, of Courtland township; and Edward, born in 1873, who died in infancy and is buried in Iowa.

George Barstow's second wife was Mrs. Nancy Hewitt, of Kansas, and after their marriage they lived upon a farm in that state until the title to the land was proved up. They then sold the property on account of the grasshoppers and droughts and moved back to Wisconsin where Mr. Barstow has since resided. His second wife passed away December 28, 1887, after more than a year's illness of paralysis. She is buried at Shopiere, Wisconsin. The United States government is in her debt to the amount of ten thousand dollars, money due her in compensation for depredations committed by the Indians who made three raids upon their farm—in 1867, 1868, and 1869. In one of these skirmishes they shot her first husband, drove off all the stock, crippled her oldest son and left her for dead. However, she revived and made her escape.

John Barstow is truly a self-made man, for he has been dependent upon his own resources since he was thirteen years of age. At that time he left home and worked his way to Iowa, by laboring in the broom cornfields in Kansas and at any occupation which would bring him an income. After he reached Iowa he worked for five years as a monthly laborer and then came to Wisconsin where he spent one winter. He engaged in various occupations during this time and also went to school, his educational advantages having been extremely limited. When he returned to Iowa he remained for two years and farmed in association with a partner upon rented land. After some time he went to Nebraska and there worked on the railroad for several weeks, returning to Iowa overland, driving a team. Mr. Barstow crossed Iowa four or five different times and his journeys were always through different parts of the state. Eventually, however, he settled in Wisconsin, buying land in Columbia county which he operated and improved for twenty years. In 1910 he crossed the dividing line into Dodge county and moved upon his present farm upon which he has since resided. He owns ninety-three acres in Dodge county and one hundred and twelve acres in Columbia county, seventy-two of which are tillable. His soil is rich and the land productive, owing to the care and labor which he bestows upon his farm and his property is in excellent condi-

tion, making him one of the representative and substantial agriculturists of this part of the state.

Mr. Barstow has been twice married. On September 24, 1890, he wedded Miss Mary Bancroft, a daughter of John D. Bancroft, of Courtland township, Columbia county. They became the parents of two children: Harvey E., who was born on the 24th of October, 1893, and who lives at home; and Earl E., who was born October 26, 1897, also at home. Mr. Barstow's first wife died June 24, 1905, and is buried in Courtland cemetery. On February 21, 1907, he married Miss Emma Radle, a daughter of Martin Radle, of Manchester, Wisconsin, and they became the parents of two children: Ervin J. and Eva May, twins, born April 25, 1909. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Barstow is prominent in the affairs of the Masonic order. His life record illustrates the power of honesty and diligence in insuring success. His labors have always been actively, constructively and intelligently carried forward and have resulted in placing him in the front ranks of progressive farmers.

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#### JOSEPH EDWARD FISCHER.

Joseph Edward Fischer, a representative and substantial citizen of Beaver Dam, has for the past sixteen years acted as superintendent of the Beaver Dam Malleable Iron Works. His birth occurred in Berlin, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, on the 24th of July, 1859, his parents being Louis and Wilhelmina (Schenk) Fischer, both of whom were natives of Germany. In that country the father did military duty and in 1846 crossed the Atlantic to the United States. He was married in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and worked at the trades of blacksmithing and wagon making. At the time of his demise he was a resident of Princeton, this state. His religious faith was that of the Lutheran church. To him and his wife were born the following children: Mary, Emma, Louis, Julia, Joseph E., Rose and George.

Joseph Edward Fischer obtained his education in the public schools of Princeton and Milwaukee and put aside his text-books at the age of fourteen years to learn the baker's trade. Abandoning that occupation, however, he entered the brass foundry of Hoffman & Bridges and subsequently secured employment with the Milwaukee Malleable Iron Works, remaining with that concern for four years. On the expiration of that period he became superintendent of the plant of the Northwestern Malleable Iron Works, acting in that capacity for thirteen years. During the next four years he was employed as superintendent by the Belle City Iron Works of Racine, Wisconsin. In 1896 he entered upon his present connection as superintendent of the Beaver Dam Malleable Iron Works and has since discharged the duties of that responsible position in an efficient and highly acceptable manner. The enterprise has grown rapidly during his connection therewith.

On the 12th of September, 1880, in Milwaukee, Mr. Fischer was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Schultz, a daughter of Carl Schultz of that city. Our subject and his wife have nine children, namely: Clara, Arthur, Ella, Hil-

ton, Frieda, Minnie, Gertrude, Joseph and Lloyd. Mr. Fischer is a prominent representative of the local organizations of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being past grand of the lodge and past chief patriarch of the encampment. He likewise belongs to the grand lodge and grand encampment. For two years he has served on the board of public works while a member of the city council. His life, lived in accordance with high principles and spent in useful endeavor, has been of valuable service to the community and proves him deserving of the respect he enjoys.

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#### FRED CHRISTIAN.

Fred Christian is active in the agricultural implement business which he founded in Mayville in 1898 and has been steadily successful because he has made his methods of operation practical and effective and adhered to his policy of honest and straightforward dealing. He was born in Theresa, on February 27, 1865, and is a son of Fred and Fredricka Christian, natives of Germany. They came to Theresa in 1843 and settled on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which the mother died in 1886, when she was sixty years of age, and the father in 1888, at the age of sixty-five.

Fred Christian was one of a family of ten children, his three brothers, Herman, Charles and Ferdinand, all are residing in Theresa. He went to school in his native section and remained upon his father's farm until 1897. In that year he came to Mayville and in 1898 established himself in the business with which he is at the present time identified. He carries a general line of agricultural implements and always strives to keep his stock modern and complete. His constantly growing patronage is an evidence of his success which is important enough to give him a place among the leading business men of the city.

On December 3, 1888, Mr. Christian was united in marriage to Miss Anna Budha, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Budha of Theresa. Mrs. Christian was born in that city on March 30, 1870. She died in Mayville, on the 28th of March, 1910, at the age of thirty-nine, leaving two daughters, the elder of whom, Alma, was born September 29, 1889, and the younger, on the 9th of March, 1901.

Mr. Christian is a plain and practical man who has labored persistently for the success which he enjoys and has made a record during his many years as a merchant for integrity which is beyond question and upright methods which require no disguise.

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#### LOUIS KOHLHOFF.

Louis Kohlhoff, who is farming one hundred and thirty-two acres of fine land on section 23, Clyman township, is a native son of Wisconsin, born in Watertown, January 26, 1869. His father, John Kohlhoff, came from northern Germany to Wisconsin, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for a num-

ber of years. He died in Watertown, at the age of sixty-four. The mother of our subject, who was in her maidenhood Miss Johanna Zastrow, was born in Germany and now resides in Watertown, having reached the age of sixty-two.

Louis Kohlhoff was educated in the public schools of his native city and as a boy helped his father with the work of the farm. After laying aside his books he spent one year in a cheese factory but when he was twenty-nine years of age began his independent career. At that time he purchased the farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres upon which he resides, and has since given his entire attention to its improvement. Throughout the years he has steadily carried forward the work of development, has built a fine new barn and a silo, remodeled the house and repaired the old buildings and moved some of the smaller ones. He does general farming and is also extensively interested in dairying, having made both branches of his work profitable.

In 1899 Mr. Kohlhoff married Miss Ida Irven, who was born in Watertown, November 8, 1877. She is a daughter of Carl and Alvina (Utach) Irven, the former a native of Germany, born May 4, 1850, and the latter of Lebanon township, where her birth occurred December 18, 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Kohlhoff have six children: Arnold, born July 26, 1900, who is attending school; Esther, whose birth occurred November 2, 1902; Walter, born June 18, 1904; Irma, born August 8, 1905; Edwin, November 8, 1908; and Leona, December 12, 1911. The family are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Kohlhoff is not identified with any political party, preferring to vote according to his personal convictions. He does not take an active part in the public life of his section, preferring to devote most of his time to the management of his farm. His methods have always been modern and practical and his standards of integrity high, and he has, therefore, won in the course of years a degree of success which places him in the front ranks of progressive agriculturists in this part of the county

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#### ROBERT E. BLOEDEL.

Robert E. Bloedel is one of the highly respected citizens of Waupun, of which he has been a resident since 1903, and has filled the position of deputy warden of the State Penitentiary at Waupun since 1911. He was born in Germantown, near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1875 and is a son of Philip and Mary (Fahl) Bloedel, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father is by trade and occupation a blacksmith and now resides at Markesan, Green Lake county, Wisconsin.

Robert E. Bloedel was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Green Lake county. After completing his elementary course of study he learned the blacksmith's trade and in 1903 settled in Waupun, where he opened a blacksmith shop and engaged in the blacksmithing business, to which he continued to devote his attention until 1911, when he was appointed by the warden of the State Penitentiary at Waupun, the Rev. Daniel Woodward, as deputy warden, which position he has since filled.

On July 4, 1898, Mr. Bloedel was united in marriage to Miss Woodward, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Woodward, of whom extended mention is made in the sketch of Rev. Daniel Woodward, published in another part of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Bloedel are the parents of two children, Marion L. and Amy May.

Mr. Bloedel is a member of the Woodmen Camp and is a popular and highly respected citizen of Waupun. He is a man of powerful physique, weighing two hundred and fifty-five pounds, large of bone and strong of muscle, but he is kind of heart and most of all just in all matters pertaining to his position. He is in every way making a creditable record for himself in the responsible and trying position, he holds.

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### JOHN H. MCCAIG.

The name of McCaig needs no introduction to the readers of this history, for it has been prominent upon the records of the agricultural development of Dodge county since pioneer times. The active representative of the family is John H. McCaig, who is in charge of the Indian Garden Creamery in Shields township and one of the best known and most successful business men in this part of the state. He was born in the section in which he now resides, January 21, 1870, and is a son of James McCaig, a native of Ireland and one of the earliest pioneers in the settlement of Wisconsin. He came to America when he was still a child, making the journey across the Atlantic with his father, Archie McCaig, who settled in Shields township, Dodge county, in early times. He bought a tract of land, which was covered with a dense growth of timber, and with resolute energy he cleared it of trees and grubbed up the stumps. With the lumber cut down he built a crude log cabin, in which, like hundreds of other Wisconsin pioneers, he lived while the arduous work of development was begun. Gradually, however, he opened up the farm and put it in a high state of cultivation. Upon this property James McCaig, the father of the subject of this review, grew to manhood. Even as a child he was obliged to help in the clearing of the timber, brush and stumps and in the various other duties connected with farming in pioneer times. After he had attained his majority he went west to the Pacific coast and lived in California, Oregon and other sections of the west for eleven years, engaging principally in mining. At the end of that time he returned to Wisconsin and settled on the family homestead in Dodge county. He married, in Shields township, Miss Margaret McPhlip, who was born and reared in this section. His widow survives him and resides, with other members of her family, upon the homestead.

John H. McCaig is the eldest of a family of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity. He was reared upon his father's farm and his education was acquired in the public schools of Shields township. After laying aside his books he served an apprenticeship of one year in the cheese-making business and then started upon his independent business career, taking charge of a large cheese factory. This line of work he has followed since that time and for the past thirteen years has been manager of the Indian Garden cheese fac-

tory, one of the largest and most important concerns of its kind in this section. Some idea of the extent of Mr. McCaig's activities may be gained from the fact that the factory under his charge uses about two million pounds of milk every year.

Mr. McCaig married, in Shields township, January 8, 1896, Miss Margaret Dowd, a native of Dodge county and a daughter of James Dowd, one of the pioneer farmers of this section. Mr. and Mrs. McCaig have seven children, Frances, Marie, Josephine, Eugene, Edmond, Isabell and Cincila.

In his political views Mr. McCaig is a staunch democrat and has adhered to the principles and policies of that party since casting his first vote. He has always been actively and intelligently interested in public affairs and has taken a prominent part in the work of public-school expansion. In this connection he served as clerk of the board for a number of years and did able and useful work in that capacity. In 1912 he was elected town clerk of Shields and is discharging his duties conscientiously and always with a view to the general welfare. A native of Dodge county, Mr. McCaig has spent his entire life in this section and has been identified with one of its principal business interests. During the years he has proved his possession of many sterling qualities, for in both the public and private relations of his life he has been upright, straightforward and honorable.

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#### WILLIAM CAUGHLIN.

William Coughlin is manager at Clyman for the Watertown Grain Company and his salient business qualities well fit him for the responsibilities that devolve upon him in this connection. He was born November 18, 1885, in Clyman township, near the village in which he still makes his home, a son of James and Catharine (Reinehr) Coughlin. The father's birth occurred in Holyoke, Massachusetts, August 16, 1848, and the mother was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, May 16, 1864. James Coughlin has always been a farmer and much of his life has been spent in this state. He came with his parents to Clyman township when a lad of about five years, was reared in this district and when a young man purchased land and began farming on his own account. He now occupies an attractive home on a fine farm adjoining the corporation limits of the village, having one hundred and sixty acres of productive land and also owning another farm about two miles distant. He is still busily engaged in the cultivation of his fields and in addition breeds Durham cattle, both branches of his business proving profitable.

William Coughlin is the eldest in a family of thirteen children. His youth was devoted to obtaining an education in district school No. 5 of Clyman township and to the work of the home farm. He assisted his father in tilling the fields and caring for the crops up to the time of his marriage, after which he was employed by the railroad company for a short period, acting as assistant foreman in the yards at Clyman Junction. He then accepted his present position as manager for the Watertown Grain Company, in which connection he has charge of the elevator, buys grain and does other business for the firm in this

place. His operations are quite extensive and he well merits the confidence of the company which he represents.

On the 10th of May, 1910, Mr. Caughlin was married to Miss Margaret Metzger, who was born in Clyman township, May 25, 1887, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Engelhart) Metzger, the former born in Clyman township in 1850 and the latter a native of Watertown, Wisconsin. Mrs. Metzger died when her daughter, Mrs. Caughlin, was a little maiden of about fourteen years. The father has always followed farming and has spent his entire life in Dodge county. He still owns a farm of one hundred and thirty acres, which is operated by his son, while he makes his home in the village, having retired from active business cares. Mr. and Mrs. Caughlin also occupy an attractive residence in Clyman, near his place of business. He holds membership in the Roman Catholic church and he gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, but political honors and offices have no attraction for him, as he has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon business affairs, knowing that the road to success is the path of industry and perseverance.

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#### EDMUND MARDEN.

Since 1869 Edmund Marden has lived upon his present farm of sixty acres of productive land on section 20, Westford township, and by hard work and intelligently directed activity has made it one of the excellent properties of the neighborhood, its improved condition being entirely the result of his energy and enterprise. He has lived in Wisconsin since he was ten years of age but was born in England on the 9th of May, 1844, a son of George and Mary (Ready) Marden, natives of that country. The father was born in 1822 and came to America when he was thirty years of age, settling in Cayuga county, New York, in 1852. Here he remained for two years, coming at the end of that time to the vicinity of Fox Lake, where for three years he carried on general farming. At the end of that time he moved to property just across the highway from the farm now operated by our subject and improved this tract for a number of years, eventually selling it and making his home with his son. He died in 1900 and is buried in Westford cemetery. The mother of our subject was born in England and died in Wisconsin in 1884. She is also buried in Westford cemetery. In their family were eight children. James served his country as a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting at Lincoln's first call for volunteers as a member of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Ezekiel married Emily Ann Shong and they resided in Westford. Her death occurred one year later and she is buried in Fox Lake cemetery. The second wife of Ezekiel Marden was Miss Carrie Dau and they make their home in Otter Tail county, Minnesota. Edmund, the third in order of birth, is the subject of this review. Peter married Hattie Ashley and they now reside in Randolph, Wisconsin. George died in infancy. Rebecca married David Evans, of Westford, where his death occurred. She is now residing in Randolph, Wisconsin. Mary was born in New York, and is now deceased. Jane completes the family. She married James Johns and her death occurred in Westford.



Edmund Marden was educated in the district schools of Dodge county and has followed agricultural pursuits all during his active career. He married in 1869 and immediately afterward settled upon his present property, which he has brought to a highly improved and excellent condition by intelligent planting and cultivating and by erecting the necessary barns and outbuildings. The entire tract is under cultivation and upon it Mr. Marden carries on general farming and stock-raising and also operates a threshing machine.

In 1869 Mr. Marden was united in marriage to Miss Annie Bradford, a daughter of George Bradford, of Westford, and to their union were born three children. Frederick, born September 5, 1871, left for the west on May 30, 1910, and has not since been heard from. George was born November 13, 1877, and passed away in 1891, his remains being interred in Westford cemetery. Edward, the youngest member of the family, was born July 13, 1884. He married Laura Lewis, a daughter of John Lewis, of Westford, and they reside with the subject of this review.

Mr. Marden is one of the substantial and enterprising farmers of his section and in his successful labors is representative of the most modern agricultural methods and standards.

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#### SAMUEL A. DROWN.

Samuel A. Drown is a native of Minnesota but has been a resident of Dodge county practically all his life. He is numbered among the enterprising, substantial and progressive farmers of Beaver Dam township, where he operates a fine tract of sixty acres on section 1, bringing to his agricultural pursuits an energy, industry and determination which have made him rapidly successful. He was born June 19, 1866, and is a son of Amasa and Helen (Day) Drown, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of New York. The father came to Dodge county when he was only seven years of age, settling here with his parents about the year 1845. The latter were among the early pioneers here, the father's death occurring on November 23, 1911, when he was seventy-three years of age, while his wife survived him by four years, being seventy-five years old when she died. Both are buried in Oakwood cemetery. Amasa Drown was for many years active in county political affairs. He was chairman of the town board and was otherwise prominent in local democratic circles.

Samuel A. Drown is the second in a family of three children. He remained at home until he was twenty years of age and then went to the city of Beaver Dam, where he clerked in a store for some time. He later conducted a fruit and confectionery establishment for three years, gaining distinct and substantial prosperity by hard work and honorable methods. Eventually, however, he returned to the homestead and has since made this his home. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and operates a sanitary dairy, selling the products of this branch of his enterprise to a neighboring cheese factory. He milks ten cows daily and raises high-grade Holstein cattle, feeding his stock with the hay and all the grain which he raises with the exception of his barley, which he sells in the Wisconsin markets. He is operating the land formerly owned by his

father and grandfather and all the improvements were put upon it in the early days. It is all under cultivation with the exception of fifteen acres. Mr. Drown is well known in the section in which he resides and prominent in various lines of activity. He served for three years in Company K, Wisconsin National Guards, and is deeply interested in local growth and improvement. He is a stockholder in a cheese and butter company which is operating near his home farm and is treasurer of that organization. He is independent in his political beliefs, voting according to his personal convictions.

In 1894 Mr. Drown was united in marriage to Miss Cora B. Grant, a daughter of Albert N. and Mary E. (Smith) Grant, the former a native of Dodge county and the latter, of New York state. The parents are both of New England ancestry. They were married in this section and settled in Beaver Dam, where the father has been active in business circles for many years. He is now living in that city in the sixty-sixth year of his age. His wife also survives and is sixty-three years old. Mr. Grant is well known in Dodge county, where he has spent his entire life. He enlisted for service in the Civil war in a Wisconsin Regiment and served during the entire period, never having been wounded or taken prisoner. Mr. and Mrs. Drown became the parents of seven children, of whom Fred Clark, the sixth in order of birth, passed away at the age of eight months. Those living, are Samuel Elmore, Helen Esther, Emerson Newell, Ethel Marie, Hazel Irene and Warren Ellery.

In his political views Mr. Drown is independent of lines and parties, voting according to his personal convictions. He takes an intelligent interest in the affairs of his community but has never sought public office. He is one of the sterling and substantial citizens of Dodge county and has met with success in a field of labor which has repaid his practical methods and his unflagging industry by constantly increasing prosperity. His farm is a credit to his progressive agricultural standards and to his business judgment and is a valuable addition to the resources of his section.

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#### RICHARD C. HUGHES.

Richard C. Hughes is a native of Wisconsin and is a son of a pioneer in the settlement of Calamus township, where he is successful as a general agriculturist, cultivating the farm which his father acquired in early times as a preemption claim. He is thoroughly progressive and up-to-date in his methods and is numbered among the representative citizens of the section in which he was born. His natal day was October 1, 1863, and he is a son of Richard A. and Eleanor (Jones) Hughes. His father was born in North Wales, July 31, 1817, and came to America in 1842, being seven weeks upon the ocean. He settled first in Remsen, New York, where he worked at his trade of blacksmithing until 1849. During the first month of his residence in America his income was five dollars but he was later more successful. In 1849 he came west, locating on a farm on section 17, Calamus township, in the early days of the settlement of that district. He purchased a government preemption claim and began the cultivation of his property. He improved the place with modern buildings, installed labor-saving

machinery and brought his land to a highly developed state. On February 8, 1843, he married Miss Eleanor Jones, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones of Remsen, New York, and to their union were born ten children, three of whom died in infancy. The others are: William J., who is married and lives in Houston, Minnesota; John, who was for ten years clerk of Calamus township and who died in Columbus, in 1899; Hannah, who makes her home in Columbus; Thomas, who is married and lives at Mankato, Minnesota; Mary Ellen, who passed away in Chicago, in 1881; Jennie who married W. C. Ten-Eyck, of Chicago, in which city she died in 1882; and Richard C., the subject of this review. The father of our subject was one of the early settlers in Dodge county and was well known in the section in which he resided. When he left Remsen, New York, he made the trip by the Erie canal to Buffalo and then by steamboat to Milwaukee, where he lived for one year before he finally settled upon the farm which his son now operates. He was a type of the sturdy and upright farmer of pioneer times and was in all things a worthy and representative citizen.

Richard C. Hughes spent his childhood upon his father's farm in Calamus township and was educated in the district schools. When he grew to manhood he lived for fifteen years in the township of Fountain Prairie, in Columbia county, and in 1909 moved to the old homestead where he has since resided. He is carrying on general agriculture upon this property and is making his fields productive through practical and systematic methods. He has gained success by reason of his industry, well directed activity and experienced knowledge and is ranked among the prosperous and substantial farmers in the section in which he resides.

Mr. Hughes has been twice married. On December 19, 1895, he wedded Miss Hattie Jones, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones, and to their union was born one son, James H. Mrs. Hughes passed away on November 4, 1898, in the thirty-eighth year of her age and on the 18th of April, 1900, our subject married a sister of his first wife, Miss Jennie Jones.

Mr. Hughes takes an intelligent interest in the progress and growth of his native section although he never seeks public office. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and is active in the affairs of the Equitable Fraternal Union. He is thoroughly up-to-date and progressive as a farmer and is justly numbered among the important men of the section. His life has been quietly passed and stands for honesty, integrity and high principles.

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#### ALVIN A. BUTTERBRODT.

A native son of Dodge county and one of the representative and promising young agriculturists, stock-raisers and dairymen of this section is Alvin A. Butterbrodt, who is operating and improving one hundred and eighty-one and one-half acres on sections 17 and 20, Burnett township, where he makes his farming productive and remunerative by adhering to the standard of practical labor. He was born February 7, 1885, and is a son of Ernest and Ida (Zulke)

Butterbrodt, natives of Germany, who came to America at an early date and were married in Wisconsin. They now live in Trenton township.

Alvin A. Butterbrodt was the second in a family of nine children born to his parents. He was educated in the district schools and aided his father in the minor duties of the farm. When he had attained his majority he worked upon neighboring properties for wages for two and one-half years, accumulating during that time six hundred and fifty dollars, with which he engaged in farming for himself, purchasing land in Trenton township. Here he carried on general farming and by industrious methods and hard work succeeded in acquiring a sum of money which enabled him in 1911 to begin operations on a larger scale. He rented an extensive property and having sold all his cattle, invested the proceeds in high-grade Shorthorns and at the present time has several pure-breed Holsteins. He does general farming and stock-raising and specializes in dairying, selling his milk to a neighboring cheese factory. He raises hay and grain for feed for his cattle and breeds also Percheron horses and Poland China hogs. He is known as an expert in this branch of activity and his judgment is held to be weighty and influential.

In the fall of 1911, Mr. Butterbrodt was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Rau, a daughter of Herman Rau, of Green Lake township. Mrs. Butterbrodt was born March 23, 1894, and is the third in a family of five children. In his political beliefs Mr. Butterbrodt is a democrat but has never been an office seeker. He and his wife attend the Lutheran church at Beaver Dam.

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#### WILLIAM GANSKE.

William Ganske is one of the estimable citizens and capable agriculturists of Beaver Dam township, where he owns a hundred and forty acres of land located on sections 21 and 22. He has always been a resident of Dodge county, where his birth occurred on the 14th of April, 1867. He is of German extraction, as the name would suggest, his father, August Ganske, having been born in Ludwigsdorf, Germany, on the 9th of September, 1833. At the tender age of three years, he was left an orphan and thereafter made his home with an uncle, Stephen Ganske, until the latter's death. He was thereafter dependent upon his own efforts and being without home ties, he in 1855, joined some friends, who were coming to America and took passage at Hamburg for New York city. Upon reaching Watertown, this state, he parted from his friends who continued their journey to Minnesota, while he went to the town of Clyman. There he worked on the railroad and also for the farmers in that section, following any occupation which enabled him to earn an honest living. Later he began farming for himself as a renter and in 1858 bought eighty acres of wild land, which he cultivated with the diligence and enterprise of the man, who is determined to succeed. Later he increased his holding by the addition of another forty acre tract adjoining, and here for many years he pursued his agricultural career, making his one of the finest farms in the section. In August, 1862, he went to the front as a member of Company H, Wisconsin Volunteers. The exposure and hardships of the march and camp life made him an easy victim

of malaria and after many weeks spent in the hospital he was honorably discharged, returning to Trenton in the spring of 1863. He once more turned his attention to the cultivation of his farm, to which he brought his wife on the 18th of October, 1863. Her maiden name was Margaret Anna Krause, and she was a resident of Oak Grove, but a native of the state of Massachusetts. To them were born six children: Anna Rosena, who passed away in 1903; William, our subject; John and Albert, who reside in Trenton township; and Mrs. Charles Waddell and Charles, residents of Beaver Dam. The mother passed away on June 4, 1900, and soon thereafter, the father with his daughter, Anna, and son, Charles, came to Beaver Dam to make his home. Here on September 2, 1903, he was married to Miss Ida Weidman, who passed away on January 3, 1908. Mr. Ganske continued to make his home at 318 De Clark street, Beaver Dam, where his death occurred on the 6th of March, 1911, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was buried from Assembly Presbyterian church, of which he had long been a member and was for many years a ruling elder, the services being conducted by the Rev. T. S. Johnson. He was a man of high standards of conduct, upright principles and unquestionable integrity, and was accorded the respect and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances, many of whom had known him for nearly half a century.

Luxury was unknown to the youth of William Ganske, but he had the advantage of being reared in a good Christian home and early had instilled in him the principles which enabled him to develop into a self-reliant man and respected member of society. His educational advantages were limited to the course of study provided by the district schools, and while engaged in the mastery of the common branches he was qualifying himself for the career of an agriculturist by assisting his father with the tilling of the fields and care of the crops. He remained under the parental roof until he was married at the age of twenty-five years, and then engaged in farming for himself on the place he now owns. His entire tract is fenced with barbed wire and a hundred and fifteen acres of it is under cultivation. In connection with diversified farming he engages in stock-raising and dairying, marketing his hogs and part of his grain. His horses are the Norman breed, while his cattle are Durham and his hogs Poland China. Mr. Ganske has expended a large portion of his income from his farm in improvements, his being one of the most attractive and best kept properties in the locality. In 1911, he remodeled the residence, which contains thirteen rooms, and provided it with modern appointments. It is heated with a furnace, and a drilled well supplies water for house and barn. In 1908, he erected a new barn, thirty-six by sixty-six feet with cement floor, which provides ample shelter for his stock.

In 1892, Mr. Ganske was married to Miss Nettie Keefer, a daughter of Leonard S. and Mary (Rose) Keefer, natives of Ohio and the state of New York respectively. They came to Wisconsin in early life and were subsequently married in this county, where for many years the father engaged in farming. They are now residing in Dell Rapids, South Dakota, where he is continuing his agricultural pursuits and also engages in buying grain. Mrs. Ganske is the second in order of birth in a family of three, and was born on the 20th of June, 1865. She is the mother of four children, the eldest of whom,

Carroll, died at the age of three and a half years. In order of birth the others are Louis, Cora and Mabel.

The family attend the Assembly Presbyterian church at Beaver Dam, in which the parents hold membership. Mr. Ganske votes with the republican party and served for three years as clerk of the school board. He is a man of much earnestness of purpose, energy and determination, and in the development of his interests is meeting with the success which invariably results from the intelligent utilization of such qualities.

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#### WILLIAM GREENWOOD WATERWORTH.

William G. Waterworth has been engaged in farming since the beginning of his active career and is living upon a fine tract of one hundred and forty acres on section 30, Westford township. Upon this he carries on general farming and stock-raising and is meeting with the measure of success which rewards earnest and well directed labor and special efficiency. He was born in Courtland township, Columbia county, in January, 1856. His father, Thomas Waterworth, was a native of Lancashire, England, born in 1815, and came to America in 1852, settling in Courtland township, Columbia county, upon a farm upon which he died in 1898. He is buried in Courtland cemetery. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Sarah Greenwood and was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1814. Their marriage occurred in 1836 and Mrs. Waterworth came to America with her husband, dying upon the farm in Courtland township in 1893. She also is buried in Courtland cemetery. They became the parents of twelve children. Elizabeth was born in 1837 and died in infancy, and is buried in England. Mary, who was born in 1838, married Benjamin Crowther, who is now deceased. He was buried in Courtland cemetery, Columbia county, and his widow makes her home in Springvale, Wisconsin. Isaac, who was born about 1839, died in infancy and is buried in England. Grace, born in 1841, is residing in Westford. She is the widow of Joseph Phillips, whose remains rest in Courtland cemetery. Hannah, born in 1843, lives in Seattle, Washington. She married James Hatton, who died in 1908 and was buried in Fountain Prairie, Wisconsin. Wright, born in 1845, married Martha Bender and they make their home in Fountain Prairie. Thomas, born in 1847, married Lucy Bennett, who died in 1897 and was buried in Courtland cemetery. His second wife was Eliza Bennett, a sister of his first wife. His death occurred in 1911 and his widow resides in Randolph. Sarah, born in 1849, married Demos Nashold and they reside in Otsego, Columbia county. Susanna, born in 1852, married Clark Gravel, of Courtland. She died in 1904 and was buried in Courtland cemetery. John, born in 1853, married Christina Braendersdorf and they live in Columbus, Wisconsin. William Greenwood, of this review. Jane Elizabeth, born in 1858, married Frank Reak and they reside on the old homestead in Courtland township.

William G. Waterworth was educated in the public schools of his native section and farmed upon his father's holdings until two years after his marriage. He then moved to his present property, upon which he is still residing.

His farm comprises one hundred and forty acres, one hundred and twenty acres of which are under cultivation. He has it in excellent condition, accomplishing this result by following the most practical and progressive methods. He raises cattle of all grades and makes a specialty of this branch of his activities.

On December 25, 1886, Mr. Waterworth was united in marriage to Miss Helen May Alvord, a daughter of Clark and Elizabeth (Bostwick) Alvord, and they became the parents of four children: William, who was born April 1, 1888; Guy LeRoy, born May 9, 1892; Hazel Illa, born February 23, 1896; and Jennie May, born March 6, 1901. As a native son of Wisconsin, as a successful agriculturist and a thoroughly upright and honest man, Mr. Waterworth is justly entitled to the high place which he holds in the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. Prosperity has crowned his efforts and his excellent farm is evidence of the usefulness and value of his work.

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#### WILLIAM CHARLES SCHOENFELD.

William Charles Schoenfeld is one of the active and progressive farmers who in their successful cultivation of the soil by modern methods are adding much toward making Dodge county one of the rich and productive sections of the middle west. He is operating over four hundred acres of land on sections 21 and 22, Beaver Dam township, and is doing efficient work as a general farmer, stock-raiser and dairyman. He was born upon the farm which he is now managing, April 1, 1872, and is a son of William and Mary Schoenfeld, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Austria. The father came to America when he was twenty-two years of age, settling about the year 1850 in Trenton township, where he purchased forty acres of land which he improved and cultivated for one year. At the end of that time he sold his original property and purchased the tract of land upon which our subject now resides. He married in Beaver Dam and followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1882. His wife survived him for three years and both are buried in the old Beaver Dam cemetery.

Mr. Schoenfeld is one of a family of eleven children. He was reared upon his father's farm and attended the district schools of his native section. His father died when he was eleven years old and his older brother was appointed administrator of the estate. When Charles Schoenfeld became of age he inherited the place upon which he now lives and has been active and prosperous as a general farmer and stock-raiser since that time. He has three hundred and twenty acres in hay and grain, which he feeds to his stock. His farm is well equipped for the carrying on of a model agricultural enterprise. It has three fine barns one hundred feet long by thirty-six feet wide, which were built by the father of our subject and remodeled by Mr. Schoenfeld in 1906, when he added fifty feet to their lengths. The water for all purposes is supplied from a drilled well upon the property and the stock is watered from springs in the pastures. Mr. Schoenfeld also operates a dairy, keeping forty-five graded Shorthorn and Holstein cows for this purpose and selling the milk and cheese to a neighboring creamery. His straightforward business methods and his industry and determin-

ation have aided and hastened his success. He is practical and therefore prosperous, and his expert knowledge unites with his well directed activity as the basis of the gratifying success which has crowned his efforts as a farmer and stock-raiser. He resides in the comfortable and commodious home which his parents erected upon the farm and which he has remodeled several times, making substantial improvements in the spring of 1912.

In January, 1894, Mr. Schoenfeld was united in marriage to Miss Edith Schultz, a daughter of Carl and Minnie (Grunewald) Schultz, of Beaver Dam. Mrs. Schoenfeld was the fifth in a family of seven children and was born on January 25, 1875. She and her husband have two children: Harrison McKinly, who is sixteen years of age and lives at home; and Lillian Lewilda, who has reached the age of eleven.

In his political views Mr. Schoenfeld is a consistent republican and served for two years as a member of the school board. He and his family are members of the Evangelical church of Beaver Dam. He is a farmer of the modern school. His methods are scientific, while eminently practical and consequently he obtains results and his enterprise is successful in all its aspects.

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#### WILLIAM C. GEITTMANN.

William C. Geittmann has been conducting his present flourishing grocery store in Beaver Dam since 1905 and in the intervening years has built up an extensive patronage which is the natural result of his systematic business methods and his honorable principles. He was born in the city, in which he now resides, February 4, 1878, and is a son of Frederick and Dorothy Geittmann. His father was a native of Germany, where his birth occurred in 1838. He was educated in that country and during his term of service in the army participated in the Franco-Prussian war as a member of a cavalry regiment. He belongs to the German Lutheran church and is widely known as an exemplary and honorable man. When he came to America he established his residence in Wisconsin, settling first in Watertown and later in Beaver Dam where he now lives at the advanced age of seventy-four years. He and his wife became the parents of eight children: Frederick, who is thirty-seven years of age and is in the wholesale hat business in Milwaukee; William C., the subject of this sketch; Edith, now Mrs. C. M. Baird, of Evanston, Illinois; Edwin, an attorney at law in Kansas City, Missouri; Herbert, who is in business at Camp Douglas, Wisconsin; and Elmer, Mary and Minnie, all of whom reside in Beaver Dam.

William C. Geittmann was educated in the public schools of Wisconsin and pursued the usual course of study until he was fourteen years of age, when he found employment with an iron manufacturing concern, remaining in that connection until 1894, when he returned to Beaver Dam in order to take up a position with the Newton & Wery Company. This employment continued until 1902, when he severed his connection with the enterprise and accepted a position with Jordan & Pfeiffer, with whom he was for one year. At the end of that time he became identified with the grocery business, conducting a successful concern with John Kohler. His store was located on Spring street and



he did an increasing business in that part of the city for two years. Mr. Geittmann later sold out his interest to his partner and purchased the grocery store belonging to Mr. McLaughlin. He has been an independent merchant since 1905, and has carried on his continually growing business along modern and progressive lines. He now has one of the largest grocery stores in Beaver Dam and his patronage has increased as the quality of his goods becomes more widely known.

Mr. Geittmann was united in marriage to Miss Florence Hentz. Mrs. Hentz is one of five children born to her parents, the others being Fred, Christ, Lewis and Emma, all of whom reside in Milwaukee. To Mr. and Mrs. Geittmann has been born one child, William Frederick, on April 1, 1909.

Mr. Geittmann takes an intelligent interest in public affairs although he never seeks office. He affiliates with the Lutheran church and to this religion his wife also gives her allegiance. He belongs to the Masonic order, holding membership in the lodge and chapter. He is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a corporal in the Wisconsin National Guards. As an honest, thrifty and successful tradesman he is representative of a class of merchants whose business methods seek no disguise and who build up their prosperity on incorruptible principles.

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#### ELMER STAAB.

Elmer Staab is a member of the firm of Staab Brothers, proprietors of a livery stable in Beaver Dam. The business was originally the property of a Mr. Edgerton, but for some time has been owned and conducted by the present firm. The father of our subject was born in Germany and came to America in antebellum days. He served his adopted country as a soldier in the Union army and is still living in Beaver Dam.

Reared in this city, Elmer Staab was a pupil in the public and high schools and afterward in the Wayland Academy. He likewise attended the Spencerian Commercial school of Milwaukee and for six years he was a teacher in South Beaver Dam. Between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four years, he attended the Wayland School of Music, while his brother is a graduate of Gilbert's Commercial school. Since engaging in the livery business Elmer Staab has met with good success. Their livery barn is fifty-four by one hundred feet, and the firm owns a good line of vehicles and a number of horses and their reliable business methods are a strong factor in their success.

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#### CHARLES A. PETTIBONE.

Charles Alexander Pettibone is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war and holds the position at present of official translator of the French, Italian and Spanish languages at the State Penitentiary at Waupun, where he resides. He was born in the town of Hartsville, Steuben county, New York, May 26,

1841, and is a son of Daniel and Hannah (Fuller) Pettibone. The founders of the American branch of the Pettibone family from which the subject of this review is descended were among the early Huguenots, who emigrated from France to England and from there to this country before the Revolutionary war, and among the ancestors of Mr. Pettibone were loyal soldiers in the American war for Independence and the War of 1812. The parents of Mr. Pettibone came to Dodge county, Wisconsin, in 1850 and settled on a farm in Beaver Dam township, where they continued to live during the active years of their lives. In their family were two children: Charles A.; and Oliver F., both of whom served in the Civil war, the latter as a member of the First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery. They also reared an adopted daughter, Amanda Hewitt, (Mrs. H. B. Drake) who is now deceased.

Charles A. Pettibone was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Dodge county. Later he was one of the first students who attended Wayland University, Beaver Dam, after which he took a partial classical course at Lawrence University at Appleton, Wisconsin. On the opening of the Civil war he enlisted on August 15, 1861, in Company C, First Wisconsin Cavalry, in which he served as orderly for thirteen months. In 1862 he was promoted to a second lieutenancy in Company C and later received the rank of captain of Company I, First Wisconsin Cavalry. During his time of service in the army he took part in thirty-two of the forty-five different battles credited to the regiment and for a considerable proportion of his time he was acting assistant quartermaster of the Second Brigade and of the First Division, C. C., Department of the Cumberland, to which the First Wisconsin Cavalry was assigned. He was honorably discharged and mustered out of service on March 8, 1865. Company I, to which he belonged, originally numbering one hundred and four men, counted only twenty-three survivors at time of muster out. Re-commissioned captain, February 25, 1865, Mr. Pettibone declined. During the war Mr. Pettibone published a paper at Cleveland, Tennessee, for the benefit of his command. Immediately following his discharge from the United States army he returned to Wisconsin and for some time was engaged in school teaching and in farming. In 1874 he established the New London News in Wisconsin, which he conducted for a short time. In 1877 he founded the present Juneau Telephone at Mayville, Wisconsin, which paper was the first in the United States to be called the Telephone. The paper was subsequently moved to Juneau. He then purchased the Horicon Reporter in 1886 and during that year he was elected to the state senate. In 1898 he sold the Horicon Reporter and later he and his sons purchased the Oconomowoc Democrat and changed the name of that periodical to the Oconomowoc Republican, which they published for a few years and later disposed of. They then purchased the Watertown Republican, which the subject of this review published for two years and then sold. He has since lived in Waupun, where he gives some of his time to the service of his son-in-law, Mr. Sanborn, proprietor of the Waupun Leader. He was sergeant-at-arms of the senate for eight years after he served as a member of that body and he now holds the banner record for length of service as sergeant-at-arms of the senate.

On May 26, 1865, Mr. Pettibone was united in marriage to Miss Emily M. Brown, a daughter of Jonathan C. and Harriet (Hurlbut) Brown. The parents

were Pennsylvanians and settled in Wisconsin at a very early period. The father was by trade a shoemaker and later engaged in the hotel business in Juneau, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Pettibone five children have been born: Jennie May (Mrs. H. E. Turner) of Chicago; Hannah Lorena (Mrs. W. A. Sanborn) of Waupun; Allie E., who is engaged in teaching at Ripon; Daniel C., chief clerk of the eighth division of the railway mail service, with headquarters at San Francisco, California; and Stanley A., who is the head of a department of the Otis Elevator Company, of Chicago.

Mr. Pettibone is a member of Waupun Lodge, No. 48, F. & A. M., having become a member of the order at Beaver Dam in 1865. He also belongs to the chapter and is a member of the Odd Fellows order. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and in 1907 was assistant adjutant general for the state. Mr. Pettibone is one of the substantial and reliable citizens of his city and county and a man who has so lived as to merit and obtain the good-will and high esteem of all his associates.

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#### FRANK F. ELLIS.

Frank F. Ellis is a native of Westford township and a son of a pioneer in its settlement. He is living retired in Beaver Dam, after an active life spent entirely in agricultural pursuits. He was born in 1863. His father, Jason Ellis, was a native of New York, who came to Wisconsin in the early '40s and purchased a part of the farm which is now owned by the subject of this review. He never operated this land but went immediately to the vicinity of Oshkosh, where he worked in a sawmill for a number of years. He then went to Green Bay where he engaged in a similar line of occupation and afterward returned to New York where he remained for about two years. Returning to Westford, he purchased the farm now owned by C. Starkweather on section 36 and upon this he settled. It was a tract of uncultivated timber land entirely unimproved and Mr. Ellis built a log cabin upon the property which he afterward covered with clapboards, split from oak trees. All this work he did himself and shaved them down with a hand-draw shave. He also split and shaved by hand all the shingles with which he roofed his house. He was among the earliest settlers in this section of the country and was obliged to haul his wheat to Milwaukee with ox teams and after selling his load had often barely enough money with which to pay his expenses on the return journey. It took over a week to make the trip to Milwaukee and back and Mr. Ellis related how the settlers, being obliged to go to Milwaukee to secure flour, were often without this necessary commodity. They would go into the woods and cut a section of log, hollow out one end and in this crude utensil pound wheat with a wooden mallet to make flour. They treated corn in the same way, making a rough brand of cornmeal and upon this they lived until they could obtain supplies from Milwaukee. He also used to tell of the year when pigeons came in such numbers that they ate up all the seed as fast as it was sown. The father of our subject planted three times in that year and, yet, he did not secure a full crop. The family was obliged to live on potatoes and what wild game they

could shoot in the surrounding woods and for a period of six months did not taste any food made from flour. Jason Ellis married in 1849 Miss Elizabeth LaCrann, who was born near Strausberg, Germany, and who came to the United States in 1848, crossing the ocean alone. She settled in New York and there was employed in making cheese until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Jason Ellis have both passed away and are buried in the cemetery on English Prairie, section 15, Westford township. In their family were the following children: Francilla, who was born in 1853, and who married Dwight Hall, of Long Prairie, Minnesota; Metta, who was born in 1855, and who married Henry Kienberger, also of Long Prairie; Minnie, who was born in 1857, and who married Edward Teal, of Beaver Dam; Frederick, whose birth occurred in 1859, and who died of scarlet fever when he was eight years of age, and who is buried in the cemetery on Long Prairie; Cynthia, who was born in 1861, and who became the wife of August Kaul, of Westford township; William, who was born in 1865; Jason, whose birth occurred in 1867, and who lives in Long Prairie, Minnesota; Inez, who was born in 1870, and who died at the age of eight years; and Frank, the subject of this sketch.

Frank F. Ellis was educated in the public schools of his native section and has always been engaged in agriculture. He married in 1885 and for two years afterward worked in the employ of Orrie Williams. He then rented a farm for two years and finally moved upon the property where his son now lives. This he operated on shares for his father until the latter's death and then assumed entire management. The farm comprises one hundred and twenty-six acres, of which one hundred and five are tillable, and is located on section 36, Westford township. Mr. Ellis brought this enterprise to a highly improved and developed state by constantly adhering to progressive methods and modern standards. He recently abandoned agricultural pursuits and is living retired at No. 323 Grove street, Beaver Dam.

In 1885 Mr. Ellis was united in marriage to Miss Ella T. Swan, and they became the parents of four children: Alvin, who was born in 1886, and who lives at home; Frank, who was born in 1888; Chester, who was born in 1890, and who lives at home; and Fay, who was born in 1892, and who married Miss Paula Hinkus. He is now operating his father's homestead and is numbered among the progressive and enterprising farmers of the section.

Mr. Ellis has been a farmer all his life, having been identified with agricultural pursuits since his early childhood. Prosperity has crowned his industry and well directed activity, making him one of the representative and substantial farmers of his district and he has earned his present retirement by diligent labor in the past.

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